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| **NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION FOR KIRKCOLM COMMUNITY COUNCIL** |  |

Dumfries and Galloway Council have agreed to issue a call for nominations for Kirkcolm Community Council area after receipt of a valid petition from the community with more than 20 signatures.

Nomination papers may be obtained from the Returning Officer by emailing Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk or downloading from our website at : [Community councils - Dumfries and Galloway Council (dumgal.gov.uk)](https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/communitycouncils)

Nomination papers, duly completed and signed, must be emailed to Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk the Returning Officer no later than **5pm** on **Monday 16 October 2023.** No late applications will be accepted.

Candidates for election may withdraw their nomination but only if they withdraw their nomination in writing/email to the Returning Officer no later than **5pm** on **Monday 16 October 2023.**

Should the MAXIMUM number of candidates validly nominated be more than the maximum permitted membership after the period for nominations has closed, a ballot box election will be held on **Wednesday 8 November 2023**. Those entitled to stand for election, or to propose a nomination, are those people aged 16 years or over, who live in the Community Council area and whose name appears on the current register of electors for that Community Council area as at the date of completion on the nomination form.

In the event of a ballot box election, voting at this election will be confined to those members of the electorate who attend the polling station in person. There will be no postal or proxy voting.

If the number of validly nominated candidates is equal to or more than the MINIMUM permitted membership, but does not exceed the maximum permitted membership, after the period for nominations has closed, then the said candidates will be declared to be duly elected unopposed and will assume office at 8am on Thursday 9 November 2023. Thereafter, they will have the option to fill any remaining vacancies through the casual vacancy election or co-option process.

Should the number of candidates validly nominated be below the MINIMUM permitted membership, the Community Council shall not be established at that time.

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| **Community Council** | **Maximum Permitted Membership** | **Minimum Permitted Membership** | **Returning Officer** | **Contact Details** |
| **KIRKCOLM** | 11 | 4 | Kerry Monteith, Ward Officer  | Community.councils@ dumgal.gov.uk  |

Date : 25 September 2023