

## Community Councils - Update

Posted by Newsline - 26 Mar 2019 18:46

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2015 - East Renfrewshire Council (ERC) changed the Community Councils (CC) constitution etc.

Stamperland & Netherlee folded, Clarkston folded.

Giffnock and Eaglesham eventually managed to reform.

Newton Mearns was split into two.

We have reported extensively on the reason that ERC undertook this exercise.

2019 - ERC are calling CC elections towards the end of this year.

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## Re: Community Councils - Update

Posted by Newsline - 04 Apr 2019 07:59

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So out of a potential ten meetings during a twelve month period some of the elected members do not appear to give their community councils much time.

Looking at a variety of CC minutes this is not something that CC's are very happy with.

When the council changed the scheme for CC's they replaced the full time liaison officer, with a part time member of staff.

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## Re: Community Councils - Update

Posted by Newsline - 06 Apr 2019 09:37

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At this point we had hoped to publish comments on the CC's by the council CC liaison officer Vincent McCulloch.

However he refused to comment.

**Vincent McCulloch**

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**Re: Community Councils - Update**

Posted by Newsline - 08 Apr 2019 09:32

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Perhaps his refusal to comment may be indicative of the cooperation CC's receive from ERC.

Remember what the nice Mr McCulloch said to Neilston CC.

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**Re: Community Councils - Update**

Posted by Newsline - 11 Apr 2019 11:41

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We are aware that there are many CC's that are operating very effectively and they have very dedicated members.

We are also aware of one CC that is in our opinion a waste of space.

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**Re: Community Councils - Update**

Posted by Newsline - 16 Apr 2019 18:36

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We have looked at all CC's minutes, taken soundings from residents and evaluated each of the nine CC's performance.

There are undoubtedly many CC's that are being run exceptionally well and many Cclrs who are excelling in the voluntary role.

We are hopeful that all nine CC's will take the opportunity to respond to our invitation to highlight their exemplary work on behalf of their residents.

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## Re: Community Councils - Update

Posted by Newsline - 20 Apr 2019 12:52

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**This email was sent to all ER CC's on the 23rd March 2019 and we are hopeful of responses soon.**

Good evening Community Councilors,

My name is Tom Taylor and I am the editor of an East Renfrewshire on line news forum.

I intend to write an article in relation to East Renfrewshire Community Councils.

I hope to commence this article on or around the 23rd April 2019.

I am aware that this current term of CC's are coming to an end and elections are planned for the late summer.

As such I am aware that the majority of CC's will require to replace their chairs.

However I am keen to explore what each CC sees as their positive impacts over the past years in what you consider you have achieved.

What impact has the new scheme had on CC's, how have you found the relationship with the council and elected members.

I would hope to reproduce all replies on or around the date I have set.

Kind Regards

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