
Report to Council

Date of Meeting: 29th August 2024

Subject: Polling Districts and Polling Places Review – Final Recommendations

Report by: Chief Executive

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To present the recommendations resulting from the review of the Polling Districts and Polling Places for the Clackmannanshire Council area.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Council does:

Council is asked to agree the recommendations contained in Appendix 2.

2.2 It is recommended that Council notes:

It is recommended that Council notes its previous decision to delegate authority to the Chief Executive (following consultation with all Councillors in the affected Ward) to approve any changes to the scheme which become necessary before the next formal review. The next formal review will take place during the period October 2028 and January 2030.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1 The Representation of the People Act 1983 places a statutory duty on Local Authorities to carry out periodic reviews of UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places.
- 3.2 The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of the reviews. The review must be finalised by 31 January 2025.
- 3.3 Council agreed on the 14 September 2023 the timetable and stages for public consultation. Feedback from the first stage of the consultation was presented to Council on 21 March 2024 for their consideration and agreement sought for the final proposals going forward to the second stage.
- 3.4 The full public consultation is complete and the results analysed – see Appendix 1 and a summary of the recommendation is in Appendix 2.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

4.1 There are no direct sustainability implications from this proposal.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1 *Financial Details*

5.2 The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes

5.3 Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

5.4 *Staffing*

6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1 Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all
Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life
Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential
Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(2) **Council Policies**

Complies with relevant Council Policies

8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?
Yes No

9.0 Legality

- 9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

10.0 Appendices

- 10.1 There are two appendices attached to the report: Appendix 1 – Consultation Results and Appendix 2 – Recommendations

11.0 Background Papers

- 11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

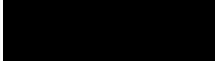
Yes (please list the documents below) No

Responses received from the consultation.

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Appendix 1

Consultation Results

The Consultation

The public consultation was conducted in two parts. The first invited comments on the current arrangements that are in force. The second invited comments on the proposals which were agreed at the Council meeting on 21st March 2024.

It was important that stakeholders were aware of the consultation at each stage. To achieve this, the details of the review were published on Clacks.gov.uk and submissions via our on-line surveys were invited. Details of the review were circulated to relevant stakeholders and interested parties. A press release and the council's social media were also used to raise awareness of the consultation.

Those contacted directly included elected members, community councils, residents and tenants groups, Disability Equality Scotland and third sector groups through CTSI. In addition, contacts for the premises that we currently use were also provided with the information.

Submissions at stage 2

23 submissions were received. All but two of the buildings currently used were deemed suitable as a polling place. Those where concerns were raised are addressed below.

- **St Serf's Church Hall, Tullibody**

One concern was raised around traffic congestion and parking on polling day outside the hall causing issues for local residents.

Recommendation: In the absence of any other buildings that are both suitable and available in the vicinity, it is recommended that we continue to use the St Serf's Church Hall. It is recommended that the Elections Team, liaise with Police Scotland and Clackmannanshire Council Roads Department ahead of the next election, in respect of potential enforcement required on polling day.

- **St John Vianney's Church Hall, Alva**

There was one comment indicating that access was difficult for physically impaired voters and had poor lighting at the entrance. During a visit by DRO this had not been the case.

Recommendation: To continue to use St John Vianney's Church Hall. For two election events held in the building, we have and will survey all in-person voters to ascertain their opinion on the use of the building as a polling place. The first survey was done on 4th July 2024 with only one response which was a positive one.

Polling Districts

No comments were received regarding the polling districts.

A summary of the recommendations is contained in Appendix 2.

Appendix 2

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES IN CLACKMANNANSHIRE

Current Polling Place	Recommendation for Polling Place	Current Polling District	Recommendation for Polling District
Dumyat Centre, Main St, Menstrie	Continue to use this building	AC105 (formerly OC105) All of Menstrie and surrounding area	No change
St. Serf's Church Hall, Menstrie Road, Tullibody, FK10 2RG	Continue to use this building.	AC110 (formerly OC110) Tullibody area north of Stirling and Alloa Roads including Glenochil	No change
Tullibody Civic Centre, Abercromby Place, Tullibody	Continue to use this building	AC120 (formerly OC120)	No change
Cochrane Hall, West Stirling Street, Alva	Continue to use this building	AC230 (formerly OC230) Area to north and South of Stirling Street, West Stirling Street, Stirling Road and to the west of Brook Street	No change
St John Vianney's Church Hall, East Stirling Street, Alva	Continue to use this building at this time but hold consultation on polling day over next two elections to determine voters' wishes.	AC235 (formerly OC235) Area north and south of East Stirling Street and to the east of Brook Street	No change
Devonvale Hall, Moss Road, Tillicoultry	Continue to use this building	AC240 (formerly OC240) Tillicoultry and Devonside	No change
Coalsnaughton Village Hall, Main Street, Coalsnaughton	Continue to use this building	AC245 (formerly OC245) Coalsnaughton area eastwards to Lawmuir	No change
Legends Pool Hall, Alloa Road, Fishcross	Continue to use this building.	AC350 (formerly OC350) Fishcross, Devon Village, Howetown, Blackfaulds and Devon Valley Drive area, Sauchie	No change

Current Polling Place	Recommendation for Polling Place	Current Polling District	Recommendation for Polling District
Sauchie & Coalsnaughton Church Hall, Main Street, Sauchie	Continue to use this building	AC355 (formerly OC355) Sauchie - Craigbank, Greygoran, Auchinbaird and Lochbrae areas, streets north of Schaw Court and Gartmorn Road, Deerpark area.	No change
Sauchie Hall, Mar Place, Sauchie	Continue to use this building whilst asset management review progresses. If required, following the review, future polling stations could be transferred to The Whins and/or Sauchie & Coalsnaughton Church Hall	AC360 (formerly OC360) Sauchie - Fairfield, Branshill, Braeside, Holton Crescent, Hallpark, Posthill, Keilarsbrae, south of Schaw Court and Gartmorn Road. Includes Nevis Crescent, Dovehill and Doo'cot Brae parts of Alloa	No change
Whins Resource Centre, The Whins, Alloa	Continue to use this building	AC363 (formerly OC363) The Whins, Hutton Park and Gaberston areas, Hilton Road, Carsebridge area, Greenfield Street and Hillside Terrace	No change
Alloa Old Peoples Welfare Club, Erskine Street, Alloa	No change	AC465 (formerly OC465) Areas north of Tullibody Road and south of Dovehill - Sunnyside, Forebraes, Ashley Terrace and surrounding streets, Inglewood area	No change
Alloa Baptist Church Hall, Ludgate, Alloa	Discontinue using this building – transfer voters to St Mungo's RC Church Hall.	AC470 (formerly OC470) Areas south of Tullibody Road and Stirling Road, Mar Place, all of Claremont, Fairyburn, Braehead	No change

Current Polling Place	Recommendation for Polling Place	Current Polling District	Recommendation for Polling District
Ludgate Church Hall, Ludgate, Alloa	Continue to use this building	AC475 (formerly OC475) West Alloa bounded by Ludgate, the Forth and Stirling Road	No change
St Mungo's RC Church Hall, Mar Street, Alloa	Voters will vote in Alloa Old Peoples Welfare Hall	AC477 (formerly OC477) Area east of Ludgate to ring road. Includes most of the town centre	No change
Bowmar Community Centre, Scott Crescent, Alloa	Continue to use this building	AC480 (formerly OC480) Bowhouse, Bowmar and surrounding area. Bounded by Hawkhill in the north	No change
Hawkhill Community Centre, Hillcrest Drive, Alloa	Continue to use this building	AC485 (formerly OC485) Hawkhill, Clackmannan Road and Hillcrest Drive	No change
Bowmar Community Centre, Scott Crescent, Alloa	Continue to use this building	AC587 (formerly OC587) Comely Bank to the rear of Morrisons	No change
Coronation Hall, Muckhart	Continue to use this building	DC590 (formerly OC590) Muckhart and surrounding area	No change For UKPGE only these are transferred to Dunfermline and Dollar Constituency
The Hive, Park Place, Dollar	Continue to use this building	DC593 (formerly OC593) All of Dollar and surrounding area includes Sheardale and Dollarbeg	No change For UKPGE only these are transferred to Dunfermline and Dollar Constituency

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Loganlea Tea Room	Discontinue use of this building – now a private residence. Voters are transferred to Clackmannan Town Hall	DC595 (formerly OC595) Forestmill and landward area towards Clackmannan	No change For UKPGE only, these are transferred to Dunfermline and Dollar Constituency
Clackmannan Town Hall, Main Street, Clackmannan	Continue to use this building – has sufficient disabled access and other properties in the area would be unable to hold all three stations	AC597 (formerly OC597) All of Clackmannan and surrounding area to the north of Alloa Road	Part of OC597 (20 properties) are transferred to DC595 for UKPGE.