

East Ren SNP refuse to engage with the public over Scottish Independence

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The ERJCCF which comprises of the majority of East Renfrewshire Community Councils are forced to ask why four members of the East Renfrewshire administration are portraying themselves as Scottish National Party Councillors?

Cllrs. Buchanan, Carmichael, Reilly and Waters were all elected in May 2012 as the chosen candidates to represent the SNP yet they are refusing to attend a public meeting hosted by East Renfrewshire Community Councils to put the case to residents as to any benefits Scottish independence could bring to East Renfrewshire.

This open and impartial debate to be held on Wed 4th June at 7pm in Mearns Castle High School, would be balanced by four East Renfrewshire Councillors from Better Together who would make the case and explain any benefits to East Renfrewshire, if Scotland remains part of the United Kingdom.

Whilst the Better Together representatives have had no hesitation in accepting the invitation, nothing has been seen or heard from the four SNP Councillors who have not even had the courtesy to acknowledge receipt of their invitations.

There is a huge appetite locally from residents to learn what benefits independence might or might not bring.

A spokesperson for ERJCCF members said "This is an apolitical meeting for local Councillors, to explain to their local residents, the impact on local services in East Renfrewshire that independence would or would not bring. Independence is the single key plank these SNP party members stand for. If these SNP Councillors are not prepared to enter a free and open debate with their residents, the SNP party must seriously question whether or not these politicians should continue to have their support and party nomination to stand as SNP Councillors in East Renfrewshire. Were these four SNP Councillors elected under false pretences?"

Other Community Councils throughout Scotland are running similar events, with the enthusiastic support of their local SNP and Better Together Councillors and we want our communities to have the same opportunity.

Newsline has contacted all four councillors and provided them with the opportunity to reply.

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