

## Another CC struggling to stay afloat

Posted by Newsline - 24 Mar 2017 18:24

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Crookfur, Greenfarm & Mearns Village Community Council

This CC had a meeting last night where only three community councillors were in attendance (One being a co-optee), and it would appear that this has been the norm for some time.

More to follow.....

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## Re: Another CC struggling to stay afloat

Posted by Newsline - 25 Mar 2017 08:53

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From the ERC Web Site

### *Notice of Interim Election*

*In accordance with the Clause 5.3 of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils (amended 2015), as the number of elected community council members has fallen below half of the total maximum number of seats on the community council, notice is hereby given that an interim election will be held in respect of all vacant seats.*

*The deadline for the receipt of completed nomination forms is*

*12:00 Noon, on Thursday 9 March 2017.*

WE understand that there have been no applications.

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## Re: Another CC struggling to stay afloat

Posted by Newsline - 25 Mar 2017 08:54

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A spokesman for the authority said: "Since the introduction of the new scheme of establishment in 2015, there has been strong interest and support for our community councils, so we don't accept the claims

made.

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## Re: Another CC struggling to stay afloat

Posted by lgm - 05 Apr 2017 09:29

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This CC has been running well below minimum number requirements for almost a year.

The government says they must fill vacancies within 3 months

### Filling of interim vacancies

- Community councillors are democratically elected and as such the process of appointment has to be transparent. This guidance details the process which should be followed to comply with the Council's Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils and to demonstrate an open and democratic process.
- All community councils should maintain an up to date record of membership and vacancies occurring, for whatever reason should be reported to their local authority (named official) to allow for updating of records. **Community Councils are asked to fill vacancies within 3 months.**
- When a vacancy occurs, the community council should contact the local authority to commence the process of filling vacancies. The number of vacancies and the dates of the next two meetings is required to allow nomination forms to be prepared.
- In preparation for the 1st meeting of the community council for this purpose, the Notice advertising the meeting should include a section on filling vacancies and the agenda should include an item – Filling of Vacancies. The notice, as for all meetings of the community council to be posted in a minimum of 3 places at least 7 days prior to the meeting.
- Nomination forms will be prepared by the Local authority and made available for the 1st meeting of the community council. Nomination forms will be available from the local authority and can be made available locally from suitable public premises e.g. public library or from secretary / chairperson. Freepost return envelopes are provided with all nomination forms.

- The local authority will check and validate all forms and inform all candidates and the community council of the position at the closing date for nominations, i.e. if nominations are valid and if the candidates are to be elected unopposed (the same or less nominations than vacancies) or if a ballot election is required (more valid nominations than vacancies)
- If less valid nominations than vacancies are received the community council should have an item on the agenda for the 2nd meeting – Filling of Vacancies, where the results of the call for nominations will be announced and candidates elected unopposed, as members of the community council.
- If more valid nominations than vacancies are received a ballot election will be arranged and undertaken by local authority. The results of the ballot will be announced as soon as possible thereafter.
- The community council will announce the results of the election at the 3rd meeting and confirm newly elected members.

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## Re: Another CC struggling to stay afloat

Posted by lgm - 07 Apr 2017 06:48

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While the CC has, according to ERC website, 4 elected members and 2 cooptees, the Secretary has not attended a single meeting since October. That is 5 consecutive meetings missed.

It is astonishing that this person even volunteered to join a CC when they had no intention of taking it seriously. As for being an office bearer...words fail me.

Must just like being able to claim a position that sounds impressive, without actually doing anything to justify it.

How can there be an effective CC when there is no secretary? The secretary is, arguably, the most important member of the CC.

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## Re: Another CC struggling to stay afloat

Posted by Hhs - 07 Apr 2017 11:28

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they do not need a sec when was the last time minutes were posted , and how much have we paid for Erc to prop up this corpse

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