



## Joint Forum of Community Councils

To All West Lothian Community Councillors

### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025**

As you know the Community Council elections are coming up fast with nominations deadline of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025. We are planning a campaign for the elections to get more volunteers to serve as Community Councillors and we hope you are going to join us in that campaign.

#### **Campaign**

We are printing leaflets for delivery and posters for display in local shops and community premises which are available to you for free. Can you have a chat with your Community Council colleagues about getting that organised and then give us your order. We will only print what is required.

Secondly, we hope you will encourage your community friends and neighbours to come forward and volunteer or at least express interest. We will also give you free social media graphics to use in your Facebook pages, that can be customised to highlight the campaign locally

#### **Information Seminars**

In addition, we are setting up three information seminars for people who might be interested but want to know more about Community Councils before they commit.

#### ***Interested in becoming a Community Councillor? Learn more about what is involved***

They are being held in person on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 2pm in Bathgate Partnership Centre and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 at 6.30pm in Broxburn Partnership Centre.

We are also organising an ONLINE meeting for those that would prefer that on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7.00pm.

If you come across someone who is unsure or swithering about volunteering, tell them about the seminars and sign them up for whichever suits them.

The Council will be advertising on their Facebook page, and they published an advert in the Bulletin Council newspaper last month.

In those areas where there aren't Community Councils let us know if you are up for a bit of leafleting and we will try to organise a team to see if we can extend the coverage in the area. We are working with the Council to hold an information session in each of the areas about Community Councils.

Finally, we hope you are going to continue in your role and get your nominations in for the cut off date of September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Getting those nomination forms in early will highlight the communities where there might be a problem. Email [westlothiancc@gmail.com](mailto:westlothiancc@gmail.com) if you have queries.