



More Support For Richard

More support for West Garioch council candidate Richard Openshaw has come from experienced councillor Martin Ford, who represents the neighbouring East Garioch area.



Richard Openshaw with Councillor Martin Ford

"Richard Openshaw would make a great councillor for West Garioch," said Cllr Ford. "Approachable and hard-working, someone who will really get things done. Please give Richard your number '1' vote on 4 May."

Keep It Local

The election on May 4th is a council election. It is about local issues, not national ones.

This election will decide who represents West Garioch on Aberdeenshire Council. The Council is responsible for important services ranging from schools to roads and economic development to waste collection.

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Action On Transport

Richard Openshaw is campaigning for better public transport in West Garioch. Richard has pressed the North East Scotland transport partnership for a solution to the lack of disabled access to the northbound platform at Inch railway station. He has lobbied Stagecoach for better bus services and taken up complaints with the company. And Richard wants to see Aberdeenshire Council provide an off-road cycle route between Kemnay and Inverurie/Kintore.

"If elected, local transport would be one of my priorities as a councillor," said Richard Openshaw. "Public transport must get better."

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Concerns, Issues, Views? Get in touch!

Richard Openshaw wants to hear from you. He believes keeping in touch with residents is important. If you know of a local issue needing attention or if you have a comment or view you would like to express, please use this form.

My view/comment/concern is:

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Richard Openshaw



A Strong Voice For The Country Around Bennachie

The candidate who will fight for West Garioch residents and communities.

A record of campaigning on the issues that matter to you.

'We Must Protect Bennachie'

Richard Openshaw is campaigning to protect Bennachie.

The iconic and beautiful mountain that sits in the heart of West Garioch, is under threat from the re-routing and dualling of the A96. A contractor should be in place shortly before the election, with a brief to select a preferred route for the road. There will be opportunities for local residents to have their say over the next two years. "If elected, I will do everything I can as a councillor to protect Bennachie and the area around it from this proposal" Richard said.



Richard Openshaw is committed to protecting Bennachie

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Greens in Aberdeenshire - A Record Of Action

Since 2012, Green councillor Martin Ford has been in the Democratic Independent and Green councillor group (DIGG) on Aberdeenshire Council

In 2015, after changes in allegiance by other councillors, neither of the two big political groupings on Aberdeenshire Council had enough councillors to form an administration that could run the Council. Rather than join either side, the DIGG reached an agreement to give limited support to the incoming minority administration, allowing it to take office and bringing stability to the Council. In return, the new administration committed to supporting a range of specific policies and other changes put forward by the DIGG.

This agreement has worked well and the benefits and changes secured by the DIGG since 2015 include:

- £100,000 new funding for youth work
- For the first time, public consultation on specific budget proposals to inform the Council's budget decisions.
- Increased rights for individual councillors to raise matters of concern at formal Council meetings.
- A new budget specifically for 'traffic calming and speeding reduction' (£150,000 allocated for 2017/2018).
- No cuts to community learning and development funding.
- Additional investment by the Council in renewable energy generation by solar panels on Council buildings to reduce future energy bills and cut greenhouse gas emissions.

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Schools - A Priority For Richard



Protecting school funding will be a priority for Richard Openshaw

If elected, schools will always be a priority for Richard. Teacher recruitment is a serious problem which needs continuing attention. Some of our school buildings are poorly suited to current educational needs, while other schools are not big enough for the number of pupils they now have.

The Liberal Democrats claim education is a priority, but in February their councillors in Aberdeenshire voted with the Conservatives for an additional £3 million in 'savings' from local education spending, including a £200,000 cut in funding for pupil support assistants and £650,000 from promoted secondary teaching posts.

Richard Openshaw would never want to see the Council making cuts to its education budgets.

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