THE MORAY COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY- ELECTION

THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2013

Electoral Ward No. 5 - Heldon and Laich

I, Mark Palmer, the Returning Officer for Electoral Ward No. 5 – Heldon and Laich hereby give notice that **John COWE** has been DULY ELECTED at Stage **5** to serve as a councillor in the multimember Ward 5 – Heldon and Laich.

The results were as follows:

			Stage 2		Stage 3		Stage 4		Stage 5	
Exclusion of		1	Hamilton		Mackessack- Leitch		Traynor		Bloomfield	
Candidate	Party	First Pref.	Ballots Transf.	Total	Ballots Transf.	Total	Ballots Transf.	Total	Ballots Transf.	Total
BLOOMFIELD	CON	473	17	490	26	516	42	558		
COWE	IND	972	48	1,020	38	1,058	215	1,273	234	1,507
CROWTHER	SNP	833	11	844	47	891	69	960	45	1,005
HAMILTON	IND	175								
MACKESSACK- LEITCH	GREEN	228	14	242						
TRAYNOR	IND	418	41	459	37	496				
Non transferable/Spoils			44	44	94	138	170	308	279	587
Total		3,099		3,099		3,099		3,099		3,099

The number of papers rejected and not counted by me at this by-election was as follows:-

1. Want of Official Mark			
On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a 1st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate			
3. Writing or mark by which voter could be identified			
4. Unmarked or void for uncertainty			
Total Number Rejected	38		

Total Electorate	10,579		
Total Valid Votes Cast	3,099		
Percentage Poll	29.3%		

Mark Palmer, Returning Officer, @ 12 noon, on Friday 8 March 2013