

**THE MORAY COUNCIL**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY- ELECTION**  
**THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2014**  
**Electoral Ward No. 3 - Buckie**

I, Mark Palmer, the Returning Officer for Electoral Ward No. 3 - Buckie hereby give notice that the TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES GIVEN for each candidate at the by-election was as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description	No. of votes given for the candidate	Excluded at end of Stage No.
<b>Gordon COWIE</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>-</b>
Margaret Irene GAMBLES	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	143	1
Marc MACRAE	Independent	248	2
Linda MCDONALD	Scottish National Party (SNP)	710	3

and that **Gordon COWIE** has been DULY ELECTED at Stage **3** to serve as a councillor in the multi-member Ward 3 - Buckie.

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

1. Want of Official Mark	<b>0</b>
2. On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a 1st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate	<b>15</b>
3. Writing or mark by which voter could be identified	<b>0</b>
4. Unmarked or void for uncertainty	<b>11</b>
<b>Total Number Rejected</b>	<b>26</b>

<b>Total Electorate</b>	<b>7,872</b>
<b>Total Valid Votes Cast</b>	<b>1.889</b>
<b>Percentage Poll</b>	<b>24.0%</b>

Mark Palmer, Returning Officer  
10.25am Friday 31 January 2014