# Angus Council plunged into deeper chaos after SNP administration ousted by single vote



Angus Council has plunged further into political chaos following a vote of no confidence that brought down the minority SNP administration midway through its five-year term. At a specially convened full council meeting on Tuesday, the administration was ousted by a mere single vote—a symptom of the fractured and unstable governance plaguing the region.

In response, a new coalition has taken control of the council, comprising 13 members: eight Conservatives, four Independents, and one Labour councillor. George Meechan, representing Kirriemuir and Dean and a former SNP group deputy, has stepped up to lead this coalition. While Mr Meechan expressed hopeful intentions to “pool our collective ideas and expertise to create more effective solutions,” the question remains whether such fragile alliances can deliver meaningful change after years of mismanagement.

Derek Wann, deputy leader from the Arbroath Conservatives, pledged an end to the “hectoring” that characterised previous administrations. Yet, for many local residents who have endured ongoing political turmoil and squandered public resources, these words ring hollow. Comments on The Courier’s website highlight profound dissatisfaction with the revolving door of party politics, where egos and internal squabbles overshadow genuine leadership.

One reader, Sentinel, summed it up bluntly: “Oh what does it matter who’s in charge? SNP/Tories/Labour etc. none of them could run a bath. They’re more concerned with their own egos, petty party politics, in-house fighting and backstabbing than running a cost-effective council that benefits the general public as a whole.” This sentiment is echoed by many, with users like POV100 lamenting the “same old, same old” political musical chairs that come at taxpayers’ expense.

Critics have also targeted specific policies, such as the £14 million “place for everyone” active travel scheme in Arbroath, widely viewed as out of touch with local needs and public opinion. Barkley’s comment that “virtually no one is happy” with these initiatives underscores the disconnect between councillors and ordinary people.

Calls for accountability grow louder. On The Courier’s Facebook page, Eric Nicoll insisted that councillors who switch party allegiance or become independents during their term should resign and trigger by-elections to seek a fresh mandate, reinforcing the need for genuine democratic legitimacy and transparency.

As this toxic environment persists, it is clear that no current coalition, whether led by SNP, Labour, or Conservative factions, is prepared to tackle the real issues facing Angus Council. Meanwhile, residents are left to suffer the consequences of political instability and ineffective governance—a dire reminder of the necessity for a political force that prioritises sensible, fiscally responsible policies and stands firmly against the waste and mismanagement endemic to the establishment.

The local electorate should consider the alternatives seriously and demand leadership that delivers practical outcomes over empty promises and party politicking. Only through such decisive change can Angus hope to escape this cycle of inefficiency and unrest.

Source: [Noah Wire Services](https://www.noahwire.com)

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