



**Perth & Kinross Council  
Education and Children's Services  
Statutory Consultation Public Meeting**

**Minute of meeting held on Tuesday 28 February 2012**

**At 7 pm in Methven Primary School, Methven**

**Present**

Councillor George Hayton  
Tina Yule

Vice - Convener, Lifelong Learning Committee  
Head of Corporate Business Change and  
Information Technology  
Head of Education - Early Years & Primary  
Service Manager - Business and Operations

Sheena Devlin  
Karen Robertson

**In Attendance**

Carolyn Noble – Minutes  
Councillor Wilma Lumsden  
Jacqueline Horsburgh  
Linda Findlay

Perth and Kinross Council  
Inspector, HMIE  
Headteacher, Methven Primary School

3 members of the public

**WHO**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**  
Councillor Hayton opened the meeting and welcomed the members of public in attendance to the Statutory Consultation Public Meeting. Councillor Hayton introduced himself and the panel to the members of the public and thanked them for attending.
2. **Format of meeting**  
Councillor Hayton explained the format the meeting would follow.
3. **The proposal**  
Karen Robertson explained the consultation proposal to the attendees. The catchment area of Logiealmond Primary School be extended to subsume the delineated area of Glenalmond College site with a corresponding reduction in the catchment area of Methven Primary School from Monday 7 January 2013. There were two presentations explaining the consultation in further detail.
4. **Presentations**  
**Background**  
Tina Yule gave a presentation on the background of the review of school estates and the factors considered. It was noted that the consultation is a review of the Glenalmond College site only as current catchment areas within the Glenalmond College site are dependant on the location of the property.  
  
In relation to the map shown on the presentation, a question was asked by a member of the public regarding how many private houses are owned within

Glenalmond College site. KR advised that of the 21 properties within the site, 9 houses are privately owned.

#### Statutory Consultation Process

Karen Robertson gave a presentation on each stage of the statutory consultation process including the legal framework, the Proposal Paper including the Education Benefits and the timescales for each of these stages. It was noted that the consultation closes on 23 March 2012. KR encouraged all views to be made known thus allowing Elected Members to make a fully informed decision.

Councillor Hayton then opened up the meeting to any questions or observations from the floor.

#### 5. Questions

- Q. A concern was raised regarding the proposed boundary change. This would affect all the private houses in the area who have no connection to Glenalmond College. This equates to nearly 45% of the properties in the area.**
- A.**

This concern was agreed it was a valid point to feedback to the Lifelong Learning Committee and that it would be difficult to draw a boundary line which included only Glenalmond College properties when these were intermixed with private properties in the same area. However, it was noted by KR that all school catchments require to have clearly defined boundaries.

A discussion took place regarding transport issues. KR explained the Council's policy with regard to the allocation of concessionary seats and transport issues where non entitled pupils attend schools as the result of successful placing requests.

- Q. How many children would be affected by the proposal from private housing in the Glenalmond College site?**

- A.** The panel advised that this figure would be checked and feedback provided to Councillor Lumsden. Following the meeting this figure was advised as 4 pupils.

- Q. In future, there could be more houses with more children per household increasing the pupil roll at either or both schools. What would be the process for this?**
- A.**

The meeting was advised that the whole school estate is reviewed on an annual basis so increasing school rolls are identified along with any capacity issues. These are reported to the School Estate Sub Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee where action is required to be taken to address capacity issues. This could include building works required or reducing school catchment areas to manage pupil numbers.

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**Close and Thanks**

Councillor Hayton reminded the attendees if they have any further questions they should direct these to the contact details given earlier in the meeting.

Councillor Hayton thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.