



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

**Minute of meeting held on Monday 16 November 2015**

**at 7.00pm in Inchtute Primary School**

**Present**

Councillor Bob Band	Convener, Lifelong Learning Committee
Councillor Gordon Walker	Vice Convener, Lifelong Learning Committee
Peter McAvoy	Head of Service (Secondary and Inclusion)
Karen Robertson	Service Manager, Business Services

**In Attendance**

Ken McAra	Education Scotland
Jane Savage	Head Teacher, Inchtute Primary School
Christina Khazaka	Head Teacher, Abernyte Primary School
Janice Johnstone – Minutes	Perth & Kinross Council

1 member of the public

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Councillor Band opened the meeting and welcomed the member of public in attendance to the Statutory Consultation Public Meeting. Councillor Band introduced himself and the panel to the member of the public and thanked him for attending.

**2. Format of meeting**

Councillor Band explained the format the meeting would follow.

**3. The proposal**

Councillor Band explained the consultation proposal to the attendee:

“to vary the arrangements for the transfer of pupils from a primary school to a secondary school or otherwise alter the catchment area for secondary school provision to agree Perth High School to be the only designated secondary school for pupils from Abernyte, Inchtute and Longforan Primary Schools from August 2016, and

Perth and Kinross pupils already attending Menzieshill High School as entitled pupils at the time of closure will be supported to travel to and from Harris Academy in Dundee to complete their education with effect from August 2016.”

In line with the terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 a period of formal consultation will be undertaken from 26 October 2015 until 8 December 2015.

#### **4. Presentation**

Karen Robertson gave a presentation explaining the Proposal and educational benefits in further detail.

##### **Background**

Karen Robertson gave a presentation on the background to the proposal and outlined that the reasons for the Council proposing to vary the transfer to secondary school arrangements for pupils attending Inchtute, Abernyte and Longforgan Primary Schools.

##### **Transport Arrangements**

Karen Robertson outlined the current and future transport arrangements. Travel times and when free school transport was provided was discussed. Karen Robertson outlined the fact that pupils from Inchtute, Abernyte and Longforgan are already travelling Perth High School.

##### **Statutory Consultation Process**

Karen Robertson detailed the statutory consultation process including the legal framework, consideration by Lifelong Learning Committee, the content of the proposal including the Educational Benefits statement, statutory consultation period and representation from interested parties as the first part of the consultation process. Karen Robertson then went on to explain the next stages of the process which includes the involvement of Education Scotland, the preparation and publication of the consultation report and the decision made by the Lifelong Learning Committee.

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

#### **5. Questions**

**Q** What happens if I want my child to go school in Dundee?

**A** It was stated that Baldragon Academy had been identified as the associated secondary school by Dundee City Council for pupils from Inchtute, Abernyte and Longforgan. Parents could also make a placing request for other schools of their choice for consideration by Dundee City Council. Pupils wishing to attend a school in Perth would be given the choice of Perth High School or a denominational education at St John's RC Academy.

Parents who wished their child to attend school in Dundee would require to make their request directly to Dundee City Council and parents would be responsible for their child's transport to and from school. Free school transport would be available for pupils attending Perth High School. Distance was discussed and a survey undertaken by Perth and Kinross Council had shown that although the

distance is greater to Perth High School, the actual travel time is approximately the same due to the volume of traffic at peak times going into Dundee.

Councillor Band thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.