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Feedback from Informal Community Engagement

For Logierait Primary School

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1) SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

Website and Online Questionnaires

A '[School Estate Transformation](#)' page was set up on the Perth and Kinross Council website which provided the wider community with an overview of information that the Council would be using in the options appraisal, including pupil projections and building information.

A questionnaire was also available for completion, for those people that could not attend the community engagement event. The questionnaire asked people to respond to a series of options and questions related to the options appraisal.

The questionnaire was available on the Council website from 13 November 2018 to 14 December 2018. 64 online questionnaires were submitted, a number of paper questionnaires were also received.

Drop-in Session

An informal community drop-in session was held to seek feedback from the community on the future of Logierait Primary School. The staff and community drop-in session took place:

- Friday 16 November 2018 Staff Session Logierait Primary School
- Tuesday 27 November 2018 3.30 pm - 7.30 pm Mid-Atholl Hall, Ballinluig

A total of 76 people attended the community drop-in session. 37% of the attendees identified themselves as members of the community, 25% as parents/parents of past pupils, 11% as family members, 13% pupils, 7% as neighbours of the school and 4% as 'other', including Local Members.

The Council is grateful to Logierait Primary School Parent Council and Community Council's from the surrounding area for their assistance in the planning and publicity for the drop-in session.

This Document

This document lists all feedback collected during the period of informal community engagement. For the purposes of anonymity personal details have been redacted.

ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED

2) Option 1: Logierait Primary School catchment area is reviewed to determine whether this would increase the school roll sufficiently to ensure the future sustainability of the school.

Comments

1. Children find it hard to go to another school from Logierait to Aberfeldy causes stress for the child.
2. Put catchment areas back to what it used to be – in the area – if you live near the local school then that's your school – or pay to send your child to a school out with the catchment area!!!
3. Pupils should go to "their" catchment area unless: pay to go elsewhere; travel for ease of parents (i.e. parent work in Perth so easier for them to go there with them for cost sake etc.).
4. Extend catchment area; children that live in the catchment area should attend their catchment school – no placing requests!
5. Catchment needs to be decided fairly and mileage taken into account to prevent children travelling too far. (Especially in inclement weather).
6. Catchment area is fine. The addition of a nursery would increase numbers.
7. Catchment area is okay as it is. Cost of travelling to Aberfeldy plus young children should not have to travel so far from home.
8. Keep catchment area as is. If you engage it extra transport costs incurred. Pupils in catchment area should attend local school.
9. Keep catchment area as it is. Travel costs to go to Aberfeldy School. Blair Atholl children taxis from Perth to Blair Atholl to take children to school mornings and the same in the afternoons costs.
10. Would option 1 not impact on other primaries under review? Use 'spare space' in Log for community purposes and would help integrate young and old.
11. I feel to close Logierait School would get young families to move away from the visual school keep it open.
12. Yes, that would be good, to expand catchment area and get more kids over to Logierait School.
13. Put catchment area as it was. Not so much choice where to go. You go to your local school or you pay to go elsewhere.
14. This is a potential to improve the role attendance at Logierait but, this might have an effect on neighbouring schools.
15. This is the only option fight for the school.
16. If this would keep our school open and increase numbers then yes.
17. Invest in the school and increase the catchment area.
18. More than increasing the catchment area needs to be done. The future of the school needs to be more certain to attract families.
19. Invest in the school and improve the subject choice by streaming.
20. Hopefully this option will help, definitely the better of the 3.
21. If the roll is not enough for children to learn or be confident in their development then, yes, it should be review for the best, but only mothball the school not close it as there are always change in future.
22. Invest in the school to encourage kids who are in the catchment area to attend Logierait.
23. Reviewing catchment area would be a great idea – if extended hopefully pupil numbers would increase.

24. I think the review should be done and hopefully the catchment area extended to increase the school roll. Nursery provision should be looked at as well and possibly the community using the school as a resource more than it is used at present.
25. Yes, if this could work, then I would be up for considering it as an option but I'm not sure it's enough to be the only viable option to be suggested.
26. Think this would be a good idea to continue the work of this lovely rural school there is also further housing planned I believe which should increase the school roll
27. This could be a good option for the local community.
28. It seems like a good idea to change the catchment area.
29. There are new houses getting built in the village which would help the numbers at the school.
30. Ballinluig has increased in size in recent years, and families should be encouraged to use the school that's on their doorstep. This is the better option.
31. Not sure what geographical area the current catchment area covers but extending it might not be worthwhile as there are primary schools at Grandtully, Dunkeld and Pitlochry.
32. This is an option that should be considered, it could really help with the school roll. The catchment areas can be so small that it doesn't give the small schools a decent chance of having a healthy roll.
33. Would be awful for Ballinluig if the school was closed. I was a primary school pupil and loved it.
34. I agree but this may also encroach on Grandtully Primary School. Also the main problem is that parents within the catchment are still wary to send their child here due to school being on closure list.
35. This must be done. A local school is vital for our community.
36. Would keep the school open if more pupils were to attend the school - increasing the catchment area or restricting the catchment area so that pupils who live in the area have to attend their local school - if they don't have a choice then the pupil numbers will almost double at Logierait as parents will have to send their children here and not Pitlochry etc.
37. Small communities need local schools.
38. Yes.
39. Reviewing the catchment would be a positive step and may be beneficial in increasing the school roll. This may however impact on surrounding schools and lead to an increase of travel requirements to bus children to and from school.
40. If the catchment area was to be increased all well and good.
41. This is a good option, the best of the 3 available but may then have a negative effect on other small schools.
42. I think this is the best option as other families could benefit from their children attending a small village school.
43. Good idea to review the catchment, as there is a chance that this will boost pupil numbers and could take some of the pressure off pupil numbers in Dunkeld. A thriving school will help the village thrive too.
44. The review does need to be taken into account but really ask the pupils of this school, the teachers and surrounding people.
45. Good idea to try to increase the roll.
46. Most welcome option.
47. It is a wonderful little school, it would be great if more children had the option to attend.
48. School together with the church is the hub of a community. Giving parents choices of schools had already been children that should have gone to the local school going to Pitlochry etc. The children at this school receive an excellent education. This community is regenerating with you get families and also there is a planning application for a further 15 houses bringing more families to the village.
49. I don't see how this could be done without having an effect on Grandtully or Pitlochry unless we go more towards Dunkeld way.

50. School should stay open many have benefited from this school over the years and it would be a great shame to not see other young kids experience the same.
51. Closing the school will have a huge and negative effect on the local community. I myself was at Logierait School and every community deserves a school where they know their children are close by and safe.
52. This might be helpful, as Logierait School is clearly important and is the role could be boosted in this way that would be good, but it would depend on how it impacted other schools sustainability.
53. If Logierait and the wider community was developed by the council rather than closed and left alone then it would attract more families to the area especially with the new houses which the council has provided permission for! Why allow for houses to be built and then remove the one reason why families would even consider moving to Ballinluig... The School! I think it should be given new provisions and then the catchment area should be reviewed to make sure that the provisions in place are working. But the school should not be left as it is and a review should not be done until something has been changed!
54. Without a school in Logierait there is no community. Small rural communities need a school to bring young working families to the area and to encourage locals to remain living and working in the village. Too much of highland Perthshire is now populated with retired people who have moved up from down south and driven local young people out of the area because as a result they can no longer afford housing here. It's a disgrace! This option would be good because Logierait has the space and quality to provide great education to more pupils. Perhaps incorporating a nursery would be a good idea. I know many younger children from the village have to travel to Pitlochry for this service which is not ideal for working families.
55. A good option as the school has the capacity to take more pupils. Also the school location is next to all the main road networks. The school fabric is in good condition.
56. This would be a great option as to increase the population of the school would be great. The teaching and learning at the school is of a very high standard and the pupils create a high support within the community and they themselves actually unite this small community.
57. I think this would be a good idea.
58. This option should be reviewed as there is wider regions that could possibly need this school along with the present children.
59. By all means review the catchment area. But also do a survey on how many future pupils are in the area. XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX The next nearest School is Grandtully which is also under review and is 4 miles away. Aberfeldy and Pitlochry are 8 miles away. Not the distance I want a XXXXX year old to travel.
60. This may be a sustainable option.
61. This does not seem a reasonable option as parents already living within the catchment area are not putting their children to Logierait Primary School now, why is there a choice? This would never have been the case years ago, children went to their local school and that was the end of it, people have been able to choose for whatever reason at the time and the threat of a school closure is only making this situation worse for Logierait Primary.
62. This one.
63. This would be good for the wider community.
64. I think this would be a good option as it will highlight the impact of closing the school in the wider community.
65. Worth looking at to see if this was an option to increase numbers.
66. The catchment is sufficient, need to find out why kids within catchment going to other schools.
67. Impact on the community - in my opinion... this option smells like a stay of execution. P&K Council have generated enough fear in our communities with this 'Estates Review.'

68. Fair proposal. Consider accommodating kids with additional support needs. With the new school at Butterstone closing there's definitely a need for it.
69. I am disappointed that there appears to be no creative consideration of another option to utilise the space within the school. I think the closure will have a major impact in terms of attracting people to the area and as a result will impact on the community as a whole. On my many visits to the areas I have heard positive comments about the school and the many success it has achieved, and it appears there is a determination in policy to remove the rural local schools in favour of larger schools which is simply short sighted - I thought that GIRFEC was about putting children first - would be great to know how your options are going to place the child at the heart of what you do?
70. Would help with the viability of the school - look further south towards Dunkeld, and at the people in Logierait who currently go to Grandtully.
71. Given the option of parental choice, am unsure what the result of such a review would lead to. We are already aware of some children living near the school who attend other bigger schools. This is probably due to preconceived ideas/misconceptions about pupil opportunities when specific cohort numbers are small. Though successes in various competitions over several years - Beat the Takeaway (RHET), Pocket garden design, Rotary Art, 4th green flag (ECO) - would indicate otherwise. The possibilities in creating an ethos of greater social cohesion with positive, embedded relationships across year groups and an inherent need for Solution- Oriented Approaches encouraging both Pupil Voice and increased independence are overlooked. And as it is invariably the children who exhibit sound social wellbeing who develop into happy, effective contributors in society this is a pity; more children entering high school with a secure sense of self and responsibilities can only be a positive force. There is a security in growing up around people who know you really well and with whom you have established trusting and long-standing relationships.
72. Not sure this would help as we have a lot of country side around Ballinluig.
73. A review of the catchment area would be welcomed if it will increase the school roll.
74. I think that Logierait School is important to the community. I would not wish the need to keep this school at the expense of another small rural school so it may be possible to extend the catchment area further south towards Dunkeld.
75. I find the question biased as we already have an existing catchment area, which on many occasions has been ignored due to individual parental choice of other schools for their convenience rather than the child. There should be really significant reasons for a decision for a child to attend another school out with the existing catchment. This also gives "an inference" that perhaps Logierait School is not up to standard, which is certainly not the case in my experience.
76. The issue of catchment area is almost irrelevant, as parental choice means that there is no requirement for pupils to attend our school even if they live next door! Parents who do not send their child to Logierait, despite being in the catchment, do so for a variety of reasons - childcare availability; parent workplace/times; even on occasions the fact that pupils start nursery at another school (we have no nursery here) and then remain there going into P1. Some parents do not necessarily consider a single teacher school as a suitable environment for their child, however there are instances when children, having come from larger schools in the authority, have settled very well and parental feedback advises that they have actually thrived in our setting and they appreciate the support their child has been given. Larger, for these children, was not necessarily better!
77. This may possibly add a few numbers to the school, could help the local community slightly but don't think it will be by much.
78. There should be a look at moving it closer to Pitlochry to possibly take in some of the East Haugh children.
79. This would be the best option, to be able to get enough pupils and remain a sustainable school which may then encourage more families to stay in the area and make it more likely that more people with children will move here in the future and ensure that we continue to have a varied community.

80. Yes.
 81. This may be a solution.
 82. Might work.
 83. Good idea.
 84. Yes.
 85. Certainly as a new parent to the area I found that the catchment was very small and if I had not researched further I would not have felt able to consider it.
 86. I think catchment area should be extended - nursery education at the school would encourage people to move to the area and also parents with older children at primary and younger children to stay at Logierait.
 87. Hopefully that would be a great idea.
 88. I think Logierait Primary School is special.
 89. This sounds like a good proposition.
 90. I think this is good, although I think that the current model is good. A catchment enlargement, regardless of outcome, would be good.
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3) Option 2: Do nothing.

Comments

1. Yes, that would be the best option for everybody: kids, parents, community.
2. Removing the threat of closure would ensure the children here would be allowed to continue to learn in their preferred environment.
3. Leave it alone!!!
4. Agree to a certain extent, however if the area is changed this could increase the pupil attendance at Logierait.
5. Do nothing is not an option. We deserve to keep our great school! The council should not close our school – if we “do nothing” this will result in PKC closing our school anyway!
6. Fight for the school local things should be kept going.
7. Can't do nothing!! We need our school.
8. To do nothing would indicate 'we' don't care. We do. We care that it is part of the community. My X children and X grandchildren schooled at LPS. Affordable housing has been a problem for 50 years. If available people/ families could move here.
9. Maybe this feedback will show the local community feel it is important to do something.
10. Yes do nothing.
11. Save us because we love it.
12. It will not close because it is like a family.
13. Out of all the options this is the best. The best option would be to give them more funding!
14. Leave the school alone.
15. Please yes do nothing.
16. Yes > yes.
17. Good idea. Leave things alone.
18. The school is providing a great education to the children already, which is proven – why disrupt that!
19. Leave as it is at present, until new houses are built.
20. Fight for what we have, and increase pupil intake by providing nursery.
21. I think lots should be done to keep Logierait opened as it is a brilliant school you get more educated in small classes. I myself went to a large school with large classes. My X children went to Logierait School smaller classes mean that pupils learn more as the teacher is able to attend to them more.
22. This is certainly the preferred option – allow Logierait to continue to play its important community and educational role.
23. Doing nothing would just mean that the future of Logierait would be at risk now and in the future – increasing the school roll and more community involvement would be a better option.
24. School is at heart of community. By doing nothing we will be in same position at the next review in however many years.
25. Doing nothing may cause pupil numbers to fall. Over the years – I think if catchment area can be extended it may help and save the school in future years.
26. The school is wonderful and it would be fantastic if more children could benefit. To do nothing this would be unlikely and a great shame.
27. Additional support needs can be delivered from Logierait.
28. Invest in the school. Improve the subject choice using streaming of classes.
29. Please don't just do nothing... take us off/out of the review please.
30. The school is very good. It would be a shame to see it close. Is the do nothing option to keep our school as it is?? Open and happy?? If so I'm all for that. If it's to do nothing and then close it anyway, well you can go and “take a hike”.
31. Not an option really.

32. Clearly this is not an option as not enough pupils to sustain running costs. Definitely need to look at opening a nursery and after school clubs.
33. Ridiculous option, rural schools are so so important everything should be done to ensure this school stays open.
34. Wouldn't be fair on the primary kids to hop on a bus and get put to Pitlochry or Aberfeldy at the age of 4...terrible decision if this happens.
35. The school is an excellent one which XXXXX and absolutely love, doing nothing is a good option for me as long as closure is removed as an option this would encourage local parents to send their children here. The school has great ties with the community and has great educational projects each year which involves the community and the use of the fantastic outdoor space at the school.
36. The school has the facilities to take on more pupils and doing nothing will probably result in closure.
37. This would have a serious impact on the pupils and the community - this is a fantastic school - XXXXX and the difference in XXXXX has been amazing - XXXXX - this would be devastating to all involved should the school close.
38. Doing nothing would only delay the closure of the school for a short period of time before the matter was raised again. It's important for the local community to have confidence in the future of the school now.
39. Not an option.
40. Something should be done to ensure that the school stays open therefore this is not a good option.
41. Doing nothing will not help the situation.
42. Not an option as something needs to be done to keep the school viable. The school is struggling currently and this is not going to encourage others to enrol.
43. This will not help the community and something should be done to help this lovely school full of wonderful children.
44. This is by far the best option!!!! This school is amazing and it would be a travesty to close it!! The pupils get so much care and attention and I've heard of so many former pupils that have gone on to achieve degrees and PhD's and some even running and/or owning their own businesses! A really high percentage actually for the size of school. I think it's disgusting how much money Perth & Kinross Council have wasted especially recently paying 3 celebrities to turn on the Christmas lights!! Couldn't Santa do it!?? Or even better a child? Would have made their day!! How about getting rid of some councillors? Far too many of them and they haven't done much to help Logierait school when we've needed them!!!
45. If there was a nursery in the school more of the parents would have placed their children, where this would have been there school, instead of going to Pitlochry etc.
46. I would take this option over closure any day with more houses and investment in the area you will need good primary schools and Logierait is a great community school
47. Logierait School is vital to the wider Highland Perthshire community in making it a desirable place to move to, and so at a minimum it must be maintained as it currently stands. However, further exploration of alternative ways to make it more sustainable is needed.
48. This would be detrimental to the community as it is not doing anything to help the school increase its occupancy or provide the residents of Ballinluig a reason to stay especially if there is a school that hasn't been nurtured and developed.
49. I believe that the school as is, is a fabulous crucial part of the community.
50. Wait another 3 years and review again.
51. This is also a good option as it allows the school to continue as it has with the pupils seeing more contact time with their teachers. The community continues to stay close due to the pupils.
52. This would opt for best option as it is a fully used school and the pupils who are already within the school count on this school.
53. This is like giving up.

54. The school is suffering because many parents from the catchment area choose to take their children to Pitlochry to give them continuity from pre-school. I presume that this scenario adds pressure to the system in Pitlochry. Doing nothing won't much help either school.
55. Do nothing?! This is not an option is it? Do nothing then put people through this awful uncertainty again a few years down the line, I really think if you are going through these motions PKC you need to address the issues fully. Give Logierait Primary School a nursery, make it easier for working parents, achieve the thriving school that Logierait can be, think of the children first and foremost, please.
56. This option would be ok too. It was mentioned a few years ago about doing evening classes this never happened. This would make the building even more useful for the community.
57. This is probably not an option.
58. Not an option.
59. Impact on the community - in my opinion... this option is 'the best of a bad bunch' in terms of options. However, is this the best our elected officials can come up with? Do something positive! Invest in Logierait Primary School.
60. Give the area time to regenerate. Most of the occupants of the houses in Ballinluig are the parents and grandparents of previous pupils who attended the school in the last 20 years. There's supposed to be new houses being built along St. Cedd's which will probably be family houses. There are ebbs and flows throughout life. Give it time.
61. See response for option 1 above.
62. Not an option.
63. The Projected school roll figures furnished to staff show numbers set to be sustained at more than 18 for a two year period. As this should trigger a second class teacher appointment according to current staffing ratios, it would be fair to allow this to happen to see if perceptions as noted above could be changed. It may even attract younger families to the area, particularly given the house-building planned for St. Cedd's Road area. It may re-invigorate smaller scale rural education as an important part of GIRFEC where there is a range of learning contexts contributing to a richness of experiences.
64. That would be fine.
65. School needs to be allowed to develop.
66. Again, the question is irrelevant since so much "hype" has been given to a potential closure and I simply do not understand why this question exists.
67. The instigation of the review has caused much concern in the community, as well as for school staff. I do feel it is not a "healthy" position to be in and would hope that if the outcome is "do nothing" then that is the end of the story. According to the statistics provided by the review team, our roll is set to rise to 19 for two consecutive years - staffing ratios should mean that we will be entitled two class teachers. The Authority should be aware of the proposed house building planned in the village in the near future. This in itself may appeal to more parents and may indeed spark an upward trend, in the same way as the reduction in roll spiralled downwards quite rapidly. I feel it is essential that the school is given the opportunity to capitalise on this. I feel it is important not to lose sight of the quality of the educational experiences the pupils are having, as opposed to simply "capacity".
68. As a status quo it would not deflect from the community but would also not enhance it.
69. The Council should look to support the school through a nursery, not just do nothing.
70. Considering this would probably mean the schools future would continue be at risk of closure I don't think this is an option.
71. Yes.
72. Yes.
73. But start a nursery.
74. Start a nursery.
75. Yes.

76. Leave the primary school to continue its exemplary work but consider adding nursery provision, as this would be a huge draw for parents. I will have to do four school runs a day, a working parent would not be able.
 77. Sad.
 78. Why would we it is worth saving.
 79. Not advisable.
 80. The school functions well. There is an onus on community leaders like me to do what is good to attract more people to the area.
 81. I believe the community wouldn't mind if nothing is changed (however we would love to have nursery and primary school in Ballinluig).
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4) Option 3: Consider closing Logierait Primary School – pupils move to a neighbouring school or schools.

Comments

1. The community needs a school. It engages all of us young and old.
2. This is not an option our children deserve to remain at their school – why should a rural community be punished for living rurally. Rural communities already receive a dis-service why continue to do this? Our children do not want to move schools – consider the impact closure could have on children, families and community!
3. What impact would this have on 5 yr. olds? Not inductive to learning, with daily hours in a bus. What may the costing be for this? Has this been costed?
4. Please do not close!
5. It is like a big family.
6. Just a big world of no!!
7. Just a no!!!
8. Should not be considered.
9. Worst of the 3 options!! Closing Logierait would be detrimental to those who attend and for the community!! Should not be considered!
10. No No No.
11. This is not an option it is an ultimatum. The heart of the community is the school. It joins everything together and provides a community that grows together and cares!
12. Never an option. Please never going close Logierait School.
13. Just a big no. Big no no no.
14. Not an option.
15. No no no no no no no!
16. Should not be considered.
17. Should not be considered! Closure will have a negative impact on the area – the children – families – community and will only put families choosing to stay here at risk of losing more services! Will also put other families off the idea of living in rural community!
18. Never ever close. Under 5's having to travel on school bus to Aberfeldy/ Pitlochry is absolutely ludicrous, and not worth thinking about in winter (after news yesterday that winters are to get worse).
19. No no no no no no no!
20. We don't want to level because are teachers are so kind to us and please save are Logierait family. I love all the people.
21. No! Would disrupt students for unnecessary travel for young children.
22. No.
23. Don't close.
24. Shouldn't be considered. Would have a massive impact on this rural community.
25. Please no! no.
26. Don't close.
27. Logierait school should not be closed it is a great school all my X children went to it and had a great education.
28. Just no!!! (This should not be an option!).
29. No way!!! That would mean kids getting up much earlier to get to school and come back very late. That would make them very tired and lose concentration on their homework. That would affect parents and their work pattern too, it's hard as it is.
30. No! No no no no no no no no no.
31. Not an option.
32. This is not for our community we want our school to stay open we hear the children playing during the day. Which or some of the older people makes their day.
33. The community losing this wonderful little school would be tragic. Also public transport is poor which be the option for local children.

34. This should not be an option. To bus young children is not good – what happens if child takes ill at school and parent doesn't drive. No families will move to the area ↓ impact on house prices.
35. This is not a good option for our wonderful community. We love our wee school.
36. Not an option! The community needs a local school to thrive. It will also put too much pressure on other schools and children's safety.
37. My child walked to school each day if you shut it then that means travel.
38. Children are too young to leave home early to catch bus, taxis etc. when they could spend more time at home with parents before leaving for school.
39. It would be a real shame if this rural school was to close as I've spoken to the pupils and they love their school, they all feel like a family. I've heard the quality of education is excellent and I think smaller class sizes should be seen as an advantage rather than a disadvantage.
40. The school is a vital part of the community! If the school closes the only people who will be interested in moving to Ballinluig will be people without children. This would greatly affect the demographics of this area.
41. The travelling for small children is not idea option especially in the darker days in winter.
42. No. this is not an option.
43. Children should be able to go to a primary school within their immediate community, be able to walk to school and form close relationships with peers and those within the community.
44. No.
45. When taking account of the children's education, this is not the option to consider. People have moved here for their children to attend a small rural school for a reason! One size (large schools) doesn't fit all!
46. Option 3. No closure please.
47. No. Thank you.
48. No. this school is vital to the community here. Closing it would take so much away from so many people.
49. Don't close my school. No no.
50. No! This school is a vital part of our community. Even though it is small in numbers it is big on community spirit and education.
51. Please don't close Logierait School.
52. No! This is not a supported option.
53. This is not an option!!
54. Awful idea! Closing the school would mean the children's school days would be considerably longer due to all the extra travel time they'll need to incur.
55. Not an option as we need to maintain the diversity of education across Highland Perthshire.
56. No No.
57. Don't close my school.
58. No.
59. Save Logierait School pls!
60. As a former Logierait pupil, closing is not an option. 155 years of wonderful education cannot and must not be ended.
61. It is not an option.
62. This shows the lack of understanding of the importance of a local "community" school. It unites the area and creates community. The importance of not only academia is learned but also social learnings. Which is learned from the community. It doesn't take into consideration what it best for the children. Look at their attainment! They are great!
63. Shouldn't be considered as environmental factors such as additional buses, taxis additional travel time for children and parent.
64. I'm sorry, I'm not even willing to consider this as an option.
65. Very detrimental to the community and pupils who benefit from a smaller close knit schooling situation.

66. I don't agree with that option. It would be very detrimental to the current pupils and to the local community.
67. Definitely not.
68. This means more carbon emissions. Also longer school days for young children and a negative effect on the local community. Some families may decide to leave and families will not get to know other local families.
69. Closing the school would not be ideal for this little village as it would be putting parents under pressure to send them to a different school and it would also upset the children if where to be moved to different school because the classes at their new school would be bigger and they would not get the quality of teaching they get at Logie.
70. An absolute travesty if they close the school, a beautiful building and been in the village for a very long time... Only puts more pressure on the schools that remain open...
71. Too much travel for the kids involved. No School, no community if it was to close.
72. This would have an economic impact on families and travel concerns.
73. Another ridiculous option which should be scrapped right away. Small rural schools are very important in lost small rural areas the school is the heart of the community. The council should be working hard to support these schools to ensure they stay open. Expecting some children to travel miles to other schools is far too much for them.
74. As above. You certainly wouldn't want you're 4 year old to get a bus every day to school when there is a perfectly good school there.
75. For me this is not a good option my children would be devastated and the primary schools that would be the only other options I would seem unsuitable. Grandtully Primary although at 60% occupancy is very full due to its size and also the travel is not acceptable when their own school is on their doorstep. Pitlochry primary would never be an option for me as it is completely overcrowded and understaffed with teacher's time being taken up by non-English speaking children which I believe would be wholly unfair to my children, both attended nursery there and it was an awful experience for both of them. Also the travel is not acceptable when there is no need for it.
76. I am against this. It would mean busing our children on high accident routes, would deter new families from moving to our community.
77. This would be so dramatic and devastating to all involved - making children young travel on a bus for a long journey would not be a good start to their day and I don't think this should be made an option.
78. Closure of the school would have an impact on the community in that it is likely to discourage younger people with families from moving to the area.
79. Not an optionsmall children being made to travel how many miles to a neighbouring school.....where Pitlochry. Or further afield Aberfeldy.
80. This is not a good solution. The primary is very important to the local community and closing it would be a terrible loss. It's important that young children are educated locally and do not have additional travel added to their school day.
81. A small village school has many benefits to the children attending and the local community, I would not like to see the school closed.
82. Worst of the 3 options listed. To keep life in the village a school needs to be at the heart of it. The loss of the school would impact on the community spirit and this could let the village just become a retirement home or commuter village. The village needs a centre point and the school is it.
83. No this should not happen - think about the pupils and the community. I personally think that this would ruin the community and the pupils chance to go far in life as this school is so amazing for children to learn and make /form new friendships
84. Awful idea!!!! Grandtully primary won't be able to cope with the extra number of pupils from Logierait Primary. And Pitlochry primary is bursting at the seams and would be awful for little 4 or 5 year olds to travel there and back every day. Not safe at all!!! Plus you hear most of the teacher's time at Pitlochry is spent explaining things and helping non English speaking pupils there. Save money somewhere else!!!!
85. This would be outrageous and affect so many families and deter people from the area

86. The pupils would be very upset and the wonderful links with the community would be lost.
87. As stated at no 1 the village is regenerating with younger families and also with permission for a further 15 homes it is essential to keep the school open. Smaller communities suffer when things like schools, post offices etc. are taken away.
88. This must not happen without the school there is no community except the church. The school brings the old and young together and the linkage is important to both age ranges.
89. This would have a very negative impact on the community as it would mean families no longer move to the area, and Highland Perthshire becomes a less desirable place to live, and economically stagnant. Such school closures are also incredibly detrimental and demoralising to the community as it shows rural schools and people are not valued, invested in, or listened to.
90. This would push families out of Ballinluig in search of towns and villages with an open school and would remove the community link with the school.
91. This would be a disgrace! What would happen to the local community? No youth, joy or future for the village. Which school would they go to? Would there be room for them there? Who pays for the transport? All the upheaval this would cause to hard working families would be a very unfair especially on the children who love their school and are very well educated there.
92. Not a good option for the community as young people will either move or not consider moving into the catchment area.
93. This is the worst option and should not be an option. The school is highly functional and continues to create successful pupils. It would kill the community and this is important in rural Scotland.
94. This would be very distressing for the pupils; this school should not be closed. The children are happy and settled at Logierait Primary.
95. In my opinion this is not an option at all!!!!!!
96. No.
97. Logierait was and still is a caring school where the children are well educated and well behaved. Some people pay to have the standard of teaching and small classes which Logierait can offer.
98. This is illogical and nonsensical. There are children in the area they are “just” attending other schools at their parents’ choice.
99. No! No! No! Under no circumstances close Logierait School. Logierait school is in its 155th year, what has been achieved by the school, it's pupils, it's teachers and everyone with a link to Logierait is precious, children are given the best beginning to their school lives, lessons, be it school lessons or life lessons they are invaluable and help those 5/12 year olds become kind, considerate and thoughtful human beings.
100. This would be a disaster. The community is the school. Very young kids would have to get a bus to other schools. Has it been thought that not every drives or has a car. What if the child was sick and parent(s) couldn't get to the school to collect child. What would happen to the building? No point in building houses as there would be no school
101. This would be detrimental for the community. It is a huge benefit for children to have their first friends living in the community.
102. I think the future of the school cannot be looked at in isolation. The future for Pitlochry seems unsure and if it was not to be there this would greatly reduce the options for Logierait. The idea that all kids could end up at the Breadalbane Community Campus is a non-starter, without taking into consideration all the houses being built to the west of Aberfeldy, there would simply not be enough space.
103. Not an option. It will kill our community.
104. Impact on the community - in my opinion... for our elected officials to seriously consider closing such a vital service of our rural community is a dereliction of their duty. Closing Logierait Primary School would rip the heart out of this rural community.
105. Not fair on the pupils and parents who depend on the school.

106. See response for option 1 above.
107. Terrible idea, the school plays a large part in the community.
108. XXXXX have been commended for our creative Intergenerational links in the XXXXX. Closure would impact hugely on these mutually supportive ties where older and younger have benefitted from teaching and learning new skills such as knitting, making soup, exploring technology etc. The school is the focus of the community, certainly evident XXXXX when we looked at the history of Ballinluig, where our support ranged from Aberdeen to Fife as people came forward to visit and talk about their schooling here. It would lead to a self-negating prophecy for the area where attracting young families would prove difficult and would fly against the principles of Developing a Young Workforce with high expectations to live and thrive within our communities. The design principles of the curriculum speak of breadth, depth, challenge and choice across a wealth of experiences and moving toward a system where all are educated in bigger establishments seems to be a One-Size fits all mentality.
109. Why would you want to close the school and put them to another school where they are in a much bigger class and not getting the best out of education and different experiences that a small school can offer? Where you would put 5 year olds on a bus. Not sure people would move to the area if there is no school.
110. This option would be a real detriment to those children already at Logierait. The children there really benefit from being able to walk to school, being part of a close knit community and learning to get on with each other. The school has a 'family' feel to it and the teacher & pupil relationship works well in a composite situation. The pupils have the option for placing requests at Pitlochry Primary, however, parents choose to send their children to the school where they live. This is because there is a community in Ballinluig and their children are doing well and learning in the smaller setting.
111. No this would impact on the community- would put off potential parents/families moving into the area. Would mean that Ballinluig would become an ever increasing older population without the benefit of younger participation in the community - would affect the local church. In a school of this size Pupils develop a variety of skills which raises their confidence, creates alternative opportunities that are often not afforded to pupils in larger schools.
112. This considered option of closure, in my view, is not only technically unviable (huge transportation issues). We have to consider the potential schools which may remain open to accept LPS pupils, which are already at capacity, due to the size of the building. I find it incredulous to be insisting to parents of very young children, to extend the day-length by virtue of extra travel time, when we have the "perfect school" existing in their own community.
113. This would have a significant negative impact on our community, of which the school is at the heart. Notwithstanding the impact on pupils who will have to cope with an unsettling move to another school, a strong sense of identify will be lost. I know of families who have taken steps to ensure they live within our catchment - some actually moving house to do so- just so that their children can attend Logierait School. Conversely, we are aware that we have recently lost opportunity to enrol more pupils because of the review and the possibility of closure. Our school provides unique educational and social benefits for our pupils. The investment staff have made in developing the excellent relationships with our learners and their parents should not be underestimated. We know our children and families very well and the tailored support we can give to pupils is commended by our parents and highlighted through the quality improvement process. Everybody is proud of our school and its ethos. "The Logierait Way" is a phrase often used and implicitly understood by all. There is consistent positive support from the parent body and wider community. In a way, because we are "small", means that we can be adaptive and creative in the way the curriculum is delivered, with high expectations for all. Our pupils have achieved considerable success due to their "can-do" attitude and confidence, which takes them easily from primary into secondary school and beyond. The school has achieved four successive Green Flags

through ECO schools Scotland; won numerous national competitions including SELA (two winning entries displayed in the Barony Hall in Glasgow); the RHET "Beat the Takeaway" cooking competition (all four finalists from our school); the "Pocket Garden" competition (one of only 22 schools selected from across Scotland to display their design in Ingliston); a recent comment from a STEM ambassador visiting our school, was that the work currently on display in our entrance hall was of "secondary school" standard. In closing our school, the strong links we have with our community would be broken and the breadth of experience the children have, reduced. All this would be lost to the detriment of all, if the children were to have to decant to another establishment. It would seem to me that the school currently ticks all the boxes in relation to the drive to improve standards across the board. In addition to the educational and social issues described, other practicalities also figure here - transport costs would be incurred; there would be inevitable impact for staff; there is potential for a closure to impact on our partner school, Blair Atholl, as staffing structures may change. The building, which is in good repair, would lie empty and continue to require maintenance. Without the school there would be no reason for young families to come to Ballinluig and would begin a steady decline. It is ironic perhaps, that the review itself has stirred up a much wider range of expressions of support from pupils past and present, than anyone initially expected, which underscores the importance they place on the school and confirms that, actually, it always has been highly valued, over the last 150 years.

114. This would have a detrimental effect on this small community as it is a lifeline of the village, it would also impact further into my own children's school. We are lucky to share a headship and a lot of resources with Logierait and our children enjoy their time together helping their transition when both filter into Pitlochry high together as feeder schools.
 115. This would kill off the community by families not moving to the area and making it harder to recruit people locally and is not what the community want.
 116. I think this would affect not just the current pupils but also the future of the local community in a negative way, making the area more likely to just become an area with tourist accommodation, retired people and a truck stop. With the dualling of the A9 surely it would be better to try and make it an area where more families want to live as well with there being an easy commute to Perth, having a school is an important feature for this.
 117. No.
 118. No.
 119. No no no.
 120. A disaster for the community, the children are an asset to this community.
 121. No.
 122. No. Don't turn the area into XXXXX, a place XXXXX have just escaped, which has too few schools, too much competition and no real community focus.
 123. Not an option I can endorse.
 124. Village would lose community feel (would turn into retirement lonely village).
Neighbouring schools require long travel time. Would lose knowledge of the kids and who they are, helping them to grow up in a caring environment.
 125. This would affect community spirit hearing the kids play in the playground, hearing sports day etc. This would feel very strange to me not having this in my life. Also children may not be accepted by other kids at another school.
 126. Would not be advisable as it would have a detrimental effect on village community.
 127. This would be very harmful to those children and severely damage the diversity and wellbeing of our community.
 128. That would be a shame to close such a wonderful school and make children travel to neighbouring schools.
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5) Are there any alternative options or proposals that you feel should be considered? (Please give details).

Comments

1. Nursery provision in our school. Also afterschool club breakfast club for childcare.
2. Nursery provision wraparound service – breakfast club and afterschool.
3. Nursery. If it is a lack of funds and the government is looking for a way to cut how about the MPs pay and allowances! ☺
4. A nursery would be beneficial. Also after school care could benefit parent who work and feel kids would be safe.
5. Logierait need a nursery. Pitlochry is too busy.
6. A nursery.
7. Nursery.
8. Nursery and childcare needed.
9. A nursery before and after school would work in this area.
10. A nursery at Logierait would encourage families to allow their children to attend the school. I've hear worrying stories about PHS nursery being overcrowded and too high in numbers which makes me not want to put my youngest child there at all!
11. Need more wrap around childcare i.e. nursery.
12. Logierait needs a nursery. Wraparound childcare, breakfast club and afterschool club.
13. To let the building out to other groups i.e. Scouts – Cubs – Brownies.
14. Nursery.
15. Nursery provision. A slimming world group! Zumba class/ yoga class, Tai-chi. Healthy options to follow on from school teachings.
16. Nursery would be a perfect solution.
17. Use of the fantastic school building and ground would be enhanced with the addition of a nursery provision. Children being educated in the same environment as their friends and siblings.
18. Mother and toddler group and nursery added. Breakfast club and after school clubs to help parents with childcare if they work.
19. Nursery.
20. Nursery and other childcare options!!
Childcare and nursery options are a must!!
21. Nursery provision. This way pupils will attend nursery in their local area and then want to attend the school rather than have to go to Pitlochry for nursery, where the parents then decide to keep them there as they have made friends.
22. Inclusion of a nursery (within downstairs classroom) – could be a private/ third sector provision.
23. Providing a nursery for families with young children would be massively beneficial to the school – having this option would increase the factor of under occupancy.
24. We desperately need a nursery provision added to the school to utilise some school space and keep our young children!
25. A nursery for my wee brother.
26. Nursery – Pitlochry nursery is packed.
27. Nursery and afterschool care.
28. Nursery provision would help greatly as it would help attract pupils into P1.
29. Proposals No.1 is the best and only one.
30. Nursery. Afterschool care. Community orientated activities.
31. Improve technology to stream classes into Logierait.
32. Nursery would be fabulous and would definitely encourage more parents to choose the school.
33. A nursery or after-school care would be beneficial.

34. A nursery attached to primary school. Breakfast club. Afterschool childcare; Holiday childcare. All of this would allow/ accommodate more families coming to live here.
35. I think to utilise the school better with the addition of a possibility of adding a nursery for pre-primary aged children, would help working parents/ single parents in the area.
36. Nursery approprectly 5 child.
37. Nursery provision, Pitlochry has high numbers and very disorganised. Breakfast/ afterschool club would help young working parents and encourage young families to the area.
38. Please do not close Logierait School. No! No! No!
39. The provision for additional support needs.
40. Stop the parent option of sending their kids to whatever school they want.
41. A nursery would be a fantastic add on. It would save future pupils being “leaked” to schools out with the area.
42. Open a playgroup or nursery in the school. Also open the school hall and playground up to the community to use/ hire. Afterschool clubs in school.
43. Add a nursery.
44. Add a nursery to the school and enhance viability and sustainability.
45. Add a nursery.
46. Add a nursery. The whole are is pretty poor regarding childcare/ out of school childcare.
47. Add a nursery or out of school childcare.
48. Add nursery provision – it would encourage parents not to put kids to other schools as it is difficult to break friendships.
49. Add nursery and breakfast club.
50. Add a nursery. Breakfast club. Afterschool club.
51. Adding a nursery would benefit families coming into the area.
52. A nursery – if children start in nursery’s elsewhere it makes it less likely for them to then move from friends/ familiarity. There’s space and need.
53. Yes. I feel very strongly that a nursery provision at our wee school will not only stop the issue of children then staying on at other schools, it will also provide a very valuable and much needed service in our community as other nurseries are so overcrowded and busy!. I certainly would have used this. It will lower our “under occupancy” rates, bring revenue into the council but also it will be invaluable to all us mum's and dad's just trying to constantly do our best for our kids!!! Please really consider this as a viable option to help our school survive!!!!
54. The biggest drawback this school has is no nursery provision as once the young children have made friends in the nursery in Pitlochry it is hard to then move them away back to Logierait.
55. Adding a nursery to the existing primary school.
56. Have a nursery, a lot of children don't come after they have gone to Pitlochry nursery and made friends.
57. Use the building for all the community. Perhaps have a nursery class. Use it for community activities and wrap around childcare for working families.
58. Move Grandtully pupils to Logierait school to get the full use of the class rooms
59. Nursery, after school clubs, special needs.
60. The school needs to be financially viable so Council need to look at alternative uses for the school out with school hours and term time.
61. Introducing a nursery would be a huge boost to the school. It would increase the roll and would mean that parents in the local area wouldn't have to take their younger children to other schools when elder children are attending Logierait. It could potentially encourage parents to move to the area also.
62. Keep the school open.
63. Yes, I believe a very workable alternative would be that of a nursery provision at Logierait. The fact that I had to travel to take my children to nursery when there could quite easily be one in the village already is absurd. There are several found children in the village and surrounding areas that I believe would love this option and of children

could go to nursery and then follow onto primary school in the same place I believe more parents would send their children to Logierait rather than other schools as they have had to go to nursery at other schools.

64. The addition of nursery classes.
65. Opening a nursery/childcare section within Logierait school would massively increase population and help more parents in the area and also surrounding areas.
66. Adding nursery options.
67. All options should be considered but not to the detriment of the children and future children of the school.
68. I think that it would be good to look at opening a nursery facility at the school. This would help local young families and then ensure that there were new children staying on to complete their primary education at the school.
69. No.
70. Include a nursery within the school, as nursery provisions are limited in north Perthshire. More children in nursery could result in a boost to the school roll.
71. I think the alternatives given are very good had I can't fault them.
72. A Nursery would be a great idea. Special needs children could attend. After school and breakfast club. Youth club. Social clubs. Adult evening classes. DVD nights for the community to get together.
73. Provision for a nursery class.
74. As above. Too much money is always concentrated in non-rural areas and our services, schools are always hit first in cut backs. The school is a vital part of the community.
75. Pre-school, nursery.
76. A nursery at this school would encourage parents to send their children to this school from an early age ... you only have to look at Blair Atholl to see how the nursery has benefited the school roll there.
77. Could possibly turn into a nursery.
78. No.
79. Establishing a nursery within the school would be hugely beneficial as it would bring families to the school and area, would make Logierait a sustainable, long-term, option, and would show that Logierait is sufficiently valued as a community to actually receive such investment.
80. Logierait should be given a nursery to increase its occupancy levels from the very beginning of a child's education! If Logierait is given a nursery facility then parents would feel less pressured to send their children elsewhere and would use their local facilities instead.
81. Perhaps adding a nursery to this school for younger children would make it more financially viable and boost pupil numbers.
82. Due to its location perhaps the school should have a nursery. Currently the nearest nursery is Pitlochry.
83. If it is money that is needed cut MPs wages and benefits and put that to education and I'm sure there would be enough left over to even go to the NHS.
84. Do not close this school.
85. Keep it open, it's a thriving community.
86. Unfortunately there are pupils in the catchment area who choose to go to crowded larger primaries assuming the education will be better. I have always disagreed with this policy. As a former XXXXX teacher I XXXXX many hours in Logierait Primary and saw the school "in action". This school has produced many pupils who have succeeded in business and education. How fortunate to learn in classes of less than 30 pupils. Good grounding in education comes from good Primary Schools in general and good P1-3 teacher in particular.
87. Reinstate some preschool provision in Ballinluig to help to maintain the community and its exemplary primary school.

88. As previously mentioned, incorporate a nursery within the school, utilise the space available, help working parents, help to make life easier for those wanting to work and offer a wide range of child care facilities.
89. Use the building better for the while community. Nursery, after school clubs evening classes for adults. There are also a few elderly people in the community what about a day centre room for them. The kids could visit. It's been proven that this is a good thing for ever.
90. It would be great if Nursery education could be added.
91. It must not be looked at in isolation.
92. Nursery. Pre-school and after school care.
93. P&K elected officials should demonstrate their support for rural communities within Highland Perthshire by investing in smaller schools and campuses helping them create specialised educational streams alongside mainline educational programmes. Schools such as Logierait Primary School could, with enough support and resources, go on to develop themselves into schools of excellence in outdoor education or, for instance, with children who struggle in mainline education. A little imagination, and a lot of will, is required by our elected officials.
94. Give Ballinluig the chance to regenerate its younger population.
95. What about pre-school usage of the school in some way, other usage in the community itself developing some kind of mini - hub, perhaps linked into care and social services where there is already a dearth in the area.
96. A rejuvenated Logierait school, whose pupils travel to Pitlochry High School for S5 and S6, would really see schools in Highland Perthshire flourishing.
97. It is concerning that the more creative option of utilising sound, well-maintained spaces was not considered. It is puzzling that the option of alternative use of the school classrooms would only be considered where concerns existed about the fabric and demolition could legitimately be a choice. By not offering that option, it necessarily reduces the choices people reflect on and is unsettling with regard to being a level playing field. There are a range of options available: 1. Nursery provision - school is well set up to allow for a nursery to be established which could have the potential to increase the roll as parents get to know the school. Our most recent students/work experience placements talk about the skills for life enhanced when all must learn to compromise and empathise. 2. Nurture provision - to address attainment it is necessary to recognise the increasing number of children who arrive at school developmentally not equipped for the experience. By taking cognisance of each child's stage we are meeting need, focusing on the Every in GIRFEC and tackling inequalities. The nurture aspect is already at the core of our school through The Butterfly Project, caring for and rearing endangered moths and butterflies - soon to be launched as a Social Enterprise and we are in an ideal location to offer this provision to a geographical area that would undoubtedly benefit both on an individual level but also throughout the schools. XXXXX Nurture classes/groups XXXXX the positive impact of such interventions. 3. Wrap around care - provision likely to increase the likelihood of families wanting to live and work here.
98. We have 3 good size classrooms in the school we could accommodate more children here. The playground has a big grass area for children to play in. We could also become a centre hub for a nurture group as we are very central.
99. The building can be used for a nurture centre and still keep the current pupil school roll. It will allow those pupils with ASN from surrounding schools to be taught and respected in a nurturing environment with space.
100. I think that there should be consideration given to the potential of different uses of the school alongside it remaining a primary school. I imagine that this would take some working out but given that there is space in the school, a kitchen, significant outdoor space, the school could be used by the elderly in the community in some way- either as a activity area for older people- crafts/art/ drop in centre to combat loneliness, perhaps provide lunches alongside pupils or not alongside pupils but at a different time. It could be a place where carers could meet for coffee and chat.

101. I have been XXXXX the school for the last XXXXX. We simply call XXXXX "The Butterfly Project". Obviously the simplistic title belies a vast array of learning, including estimation, biodiversity, measurement, materials technologies (XXXXX all our own equipment - rearing cages. XXXXX have XXXXX own butterfly house. XXXXX grow our own food-plants in the polytunnel to feed livestock, the plants being grown from wild-collected seed. The children, XXXXX, were initially enthusiastic and to XXXXX, that enthusiasm has never waned for one minute over XXXXX years. The thrill and experience these children have had within the running of the project is incalculable. An example (which happens frequently) is the release each summer, of hundreds of butterflies within the school grounds. This year in particular XXXXX extended our release programme to Rivendell care home in Dunkeld, where both parents and children attended and gave the residents of the care home an enormous experience by the release of hundreds of butterflies in their grounds. This occurred during the summer holiday and demonstrates the commitment that these children and their parents have given to XXXXX project. It was XXXXX great hope to use what XXXXX thought, was a potential bonus that Logierait has over many other schools, by virtue of having some free space i.e. an upstairs classroom which can be used for this (spare space is not a burden!) The potential for this "spare room" is enormous. In consultation with school staff, it will allow the pupils to roll out the project to other school children, in other establishments, who do not have the space or facilities. XXXXX spent an enormous amount of time, effort and funding supported by the parent council in procuring XXXXX butterfly house; re-equipping the polytunnel and building up our infrastructure, to enable the possibility of Logierait pupils to pass on their newly acquired skills, to other children. In recent weeks XXXXX have taken steps to engage with an organisation which develops social enterprise and we do hope to be able to "manufacture" much of the equipment XXXXX use for this project for the benefit of other schools who potentially may wish to begin something similar at an affordable, level since mainstream producers are horrendously expensive.
102. I believe that there are two key possibilities for the school to continue to function in a way which supports our local community. One of these is to provide a nurture base, something which is desperately required in Highland Perthshire. The school would be perfectly placed to facilitate this - the space and facilities are there; the school has extensive grounds; acting as "hub" would ease staffing pressures and costs for other local schools; it would help meet the needs of all learners; it would support children and families across Highland Perthshire, not least eliminating the need to send children by taxi to Perth, in order to access provision; it would ultimately help improve attainment and achievement. Nursery provision is another possible option - a number of parents over the years, have explained their decision not to send their children to Logierait, based on the fact that their child has already "settled" and made friendships at other establishments. Some families have already enquired about this previously and expressed great interest in securing a positive start for their children at our school, from the early years.
103. I really feel nursery provision should be provided at Logierait as the lack of this does have a knock on affect to the school role, as children have to go to a different school for nursery parents often choose to then leave them there for primary.
104. A nursery provision either Council provided or otherwise should be put in to help sustain the school roll in the long term.
105. It would be nice to encourage more young parents - a nursery at the school would be an excellent idea.
106. A nursery would encourage young parents to send children to Logierait.
107. Yes - a nursery facility would be a great asset for young parents.
108. A nursery at the school would greatly improve the living of parents who take children to Pitlochry.
109. A nursery facility.

110. Please consider adding nursery provision, as I have a XXXXX year old as well as a XXXXX.
 111. Nursery education & care to be extended.
 112. Perhaps having a nursery at the school would help to keep it open. Then when of age nursery children will attend Logierait Primary School.
 113. More use could be made of school facilities e.g. evening classes - country dancing crafts, dressmaking. Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.
 114. Nursery provision. Other elderly provision or whole community use to the building.
 115. Yes, please consider adding a nursery to Logierait Primary School so people could put their kids there from the start.
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6) How would you describe the community and what are your thoughts on Logierait Primary School as part of the community?

Comments

1. Close community with older and younger looking after each other.
2. Mixing young and old is a huge benefit to both groups.
3. This school is vital to the community and has strong links with the local people both young and old, especially older people who need that link. I wish more schools were as forward-thinking.
4. The community need the school to keep young and old together. "Ballinluig Blethers" (senior citizens) that visit the school with stories of school in their lifetime, and different stories games etc. children need to learn this as some grandparents do not live in the area, therefore they are not learning from them. The school has to be central for the community.
5. Logierait is a very important hub for our community. The children coming to Logierait have the opportunity to talk and play with older and younger children and adults. This helps as they grow older – giving them confidence to speak with people outside their age group.
6. Logierait School is the hub of this whole community – it gathers everyone with its warm "group hug"!
7. Not only would I miss the school bells ringing also the sound of children playing and if I am in my garden the kids chatting to me to and from school. Logierait primary was very important for my XXXXX – XXXXX left XXXXX where XXXXX was underperforming to come here. The school psychologist said that environment was XXXXX problem in XXXXX – open plan/ chaos/ large class. XXXXX now has a degree from XXXXX turned XXXXX corner at Logierait.
8. Logierait is a great blend of elder citizens and younger citizens. The school promotes respect and includes skills and crafts passed down from generation to generation.
9. Logierait hold lots of community engaging events e.g. dances/ ceilidhs/ picnics bbqs – getting to know each other and bring families together.
10. The school is the heart of the community. There are so many wonderful ways the school connects with the community, especially in keeping the history and wonderful tales alive.
11. The school is a vital part of the community. Being an eco-school is great thing and it would be such a shame for kids not to be able to attend a primary school like this.
12. Ballinluig is a close-knit community. To lose the school would be devastating.
13. School is for the local community and important for residents. This give support to all and achieve better life and learning for children and adults.
14. It's a special place to be ☺
15. A lot of people in the community who attend Logierait primary school can walk or cycle to school which is a great benefit to everyone!! Being at the centre of the community is important to everyone in Ballinluig and Logierait.
16. The school and the community are very much like a family – many pupils live on the schools doorstep – there is a real sense of safety about the location of the school and I think this is partly due to the fact is part of the community!! Living locally and within the area encourages children to walk or cycle to school which is great!!
17. A very close-knit community and having a local school is a huge benefit, to kid's health and happiness.
18. Part of a very vibrant, diverse community – the school community seems more like a family. Very important, very inclusive, highly valued.
19. Logierait School is the community!!
20. As a former pupil of Logierait school, it has always been a massive central part of the community ad it would be devastating to remove such a central part of a small close-knit community!

21. As a rural community school plays a vital part of our village. Teaches young people how to interact with the elderly population. Also outside environment farming game keeping gardening, education not just in class.
22. The school and the community have a strong bond and the local community engage with school events regularly. With the mixing age groups of the community teaches children about the changes in the community throughout the years and creates kids with kind, compassionate and respectful personalities.
23. I think Logierait School is a great part of the community. They hold lots of things that the community can attend.
24. Great adult/ child interaction – the ‘Blethers’ visit regularly.
25. The school is a big part of the community. For both the kids and the “older” ones.
26. Ballinluig with Logierait School in its heart is home for the residents of the community.
27. The school plays a massive part within the community for Logierait – the children are interactive within the community – it teaches the children about respecting others – especially the elderly community.
28. Growing up in a rural school meant I played with the kids from different age ranges opposed to just knowing my year. This meant that I knew a lot of adults after leaving school making it a lot closer community.
29. My XXXXX loves freedom of walking to/ from school. Logierait School gave us a lot of support over the years and helped my XXXXX. Amazing school!!!
30. Its lovely, friendly and very helpful community. I always classed myself as a lucky one. It’s such a lovely place to live. And school being only 5min walk from home, made our lives so easy.
31. We have an amazing community where the young respect the elderly. The Ballinluig Blethers are so vital to our school. They teach the children about games, teach them to knit, and teach them values.
32. Mixed age community that blend well because of the school that teaches respect.
33. It is the heart of the community! If the school closes the gets such an attack.
34. Our little community is amazing. We are lucky to have been part of it for the last XXXXX years! XXXXX built a new house XXXXX and brought XXXXX children to the local schools!!! We have an invaluable relationship with the Ballinluig Blethers, our older community, and they come to the school to help, teach and nurture our children. Our children have learnt respect, to respect the environment through the amazing butterfly project but most importantly of all to respect the older people in our community; they both help each other immensely. Without our school, community links will die, as will all hope for the future of our beautiful little village and community.
35. This school is a massive part of the community if you go to any event at the school the age mix and attendance from the community is amazing.
36. The school is an essential part of our small community.
37. The School is great. The School does a lot with the older community, the Ballinluig Blethers.
38. Having a school is central to the local community. Children who can walk to school gain in fitness and there is less pollution. Special events can involve all the community
39. This village is a great village the school is at the centre of it everyone knows each other and to close it would rip the heart out of the village and it’s community. My child is the third generation to go to that school also a lot of people moved to this village to get their children/child a great education.
40. It’s a close community, and the school is needed in the village, now more than ever.
41. Logierait does a lot with the older community, the Ballinluig Blethers.
42. Having been brought up in Ballinluig, the school is a vital part of the community. Smaller class sizes offer a better education.
43. As before small rural schools are the heart of the community it would be awful to take that away. Children could end up going to a different school to that of their friends. They would have added travel which can cause a strain especially after having to travel then complete homework or after school activities. Travelling long distances every day is

- exhausting. Why do this when they have a perfectly good school practically on their doorstep.
44. Bad decision to close it. Big loss to the village. Nobody would want to live in Ballinluig if there was no school.
 45. Ballinluig is a great small community with excellent transport links for working families. The school currently has excellent links with community including the children's interacting with the older residents through workshops and outdoor learning trips. The school also organizes local ceilidhs which help to bring the community together and let the residents see what the children have been learning at school.
 46. The school plays a huge role in our community.
 47. It's a fantastic school and very community run - the community is so involved with the school and activities and extra things that the school holds - as I've said my XXXXX has massively improved since starting Logierait and the feeling you get walking into the school and dropping XXXXX off is friendly and warming - I've never been to a better school and it would be devastating to the community should it close.
 48. We are a close knit community.
 49. Community needs the school.
 50. The school is an integral part of the community and it plays a vital part in ensuring adequate facilities for young people.
 51. The community is a small part of a wider community and the school plays a vital role in all aspects of community life.
 52. The community is a tight knit rural community and the primary is an important part of this. If the school is closed then you are taking the heart out of the community.
 53. The local community is small but the school has been a big part of the village and surrounding area for a long time. It would be a big loss if closed.
 54. The village has a very close community and the school is the centre of it. Without a school there would be less incentive for young families to live here.
 55. I personally think that the community of lovely and such a lovely, community filled place for people which they should feel great proud / honour to be part of it.
 56. Nobody wants the school to close. It's a vital part of the community and would be awful if it closed. Especially seeing as there's planning permission for 30 odd new houses to be built in Ballinluig. Surely children that will live there will need education!!! Please don't close it!!!!!!!!!!!!
 57. There are wonderful links especially with older people who benefit greatly from being around the children.
 58. This is an excellent school. I am part of a local group of XXXXX of a certain age that have XXXXX with the children and also talk to them about the history of the community, what we did when we were going etc. Some of the group have taught them to knit and make soup.
 59. The community are very supportive of the school and pupils. Always turning out for events. The school pupils mix very well with the older community, giving both very enriching experience. This is possible due to the location and trust that has been built up in the community.
 60. The school brings the old and young together and the linkage is important to both age ranges. It is often the only interaction the older people get with young children and they love taking part and feeling valued by the children. The children gain from the older folk and the knowledge and time they have to give them.
 61. Outstanding school.
 62. As I above.
 63. Logierait Primary School is vital for the community especially its relationship with the older generation in Ballinluig. It has links with the Ballinluig Blethers which is a group especially targeted to vulnerable people in our community and helps to tackle loneliness by getting people together in a group and having a 'blether' The school children often visit the group and talk to them about what they are doing at school and form bonds with the group. The school also hosts frequent ceilidhs and quizzes in the local village hall

- which not only brings the whole community together but also makes use of a local vital building.
64. Logierait is a wonderful, caring beautiful community and its school is its beating heart. If the council and government would like it to become another retirement village for the rich and deter young local working families from staying and settling here then they should be absolutely ashamed of themselves!
 65. The Primary school is a key part of the community with lots of community input and participation. If the school was closed the community would suffer as young families would not want to move to this area.
 66. It is crucial. The community and school are in close connection as they both work hand in hand.
 67. A close knit community. The primary school is a vital part of the community.
 68. This is a lovely community and a lovely school, the pupils are well looked after and educated here!
 69. It's a small but thriving community, a community that comes together as a one big family. This school is in the heart of this community and it would be sadly missed if it was to close down.
 70. The community of Ballinluig and Logierait have always supported Logierait Primary. To remove the Primary School is to rip the heart out of our community. We need a local Primary School.
 71. The close knit community has traditionally relied on Logierait School as its focal point.
 72. I cannot emphasise strongly enough how Logierait Primary School IS the community and that cannot and must not be taken away, it would be a travesty if those in power allowed that to happen. It would take an awful long time for me to write here how much has been done over the years by this wonderful school, not just in the immediate area but further afield, money raised for so many causes, allowing children the chances to achieve goals that otherwise would pass them by. All of this has been achieved by the amazing and wonderful staff down the years, everyone involved with Logierait has given their all, 100% and in 155 years happy children, parents and staff have been simply fabulous. Do not let this come to an end.
 73. The school is at the heart of the community. The community is a close knit one and age ranges are very wide but like being tog.
 74. The school is the heart of the community. If it closes there will be a negative impact on the wider community.
 75. Schools are always at the heart of the community.
 76. The school serves a working class community as it has always done. I do not regard this school as one that is there to service the middle classes who think their kids will get more one to one than in the bigger schools already mentioned, free of charge. Ballinluig is a very different proposition to Grandtully and as such should be given due consideration.
 77. A small but close knit community. The older members of the village visit the school regularly to engage with our kids.
 78. It's the heart of our community. One of the very few places the community comes together intergeneration ally.
 79. It could be an up and coming community, it's a great place to live and grow up, hence why families have settled here for decades and never moved away. The school does great things for the community and brings vitality to the area. Children at the school get a really rural start to their education.
 80. All the richer for having a school which I believe links not only generations but provides a real focal point.
 81. I would again reference the 'Ballinluig Back in Time' context. This is a small, rural community where the school occupies a particular place in people's thoughts and experiences; almost all the inhabitants have some story or tale to tell that involves this 150 year old plus school. From Canada, a bequest from a former pupil with XXXXX widow speaking fondly of XXXXX memories here; from South Africa, visitors tracing their

father's history; Tulliemet Curling Club offering a wealth of facts to the pupils, links with local radio station, former pupils. Our various and regular cafes - French, healthy etc. -; our intergenerational links with 'Ballinluig Blethers'; DYW with STEM ambassadors, community ceilidhs and so on. I have spoken already about its successes which are keenly felt and shared by all as they experience it as our successes. Although leaving us can be a wrench, transitions are well planned for, and pupils go on with a secure sense of self knowing that the close relationships built up over time with staff and others provide them with a solid springboard from which to take that next leap.

82. We have a strong link with the community where they are involved in some of our projects, they came to knit with children, games afternoon, days out, picnics, ceilidhs that are organised, quiz nights and they were involved when the school did a big topic about the area and some of them came to tell their stories about growing up in the area. I think they like the link between the school and themselves.
83. The community very much look out for each other and support the pupils. This can be seen in the successful fund raising events and the numbers who have shown their support since the estates review. The community have pulled together and have taken part in the consultation. Also noting that they went to this school, their parents and their children. The Headteacher and PT recognise the importance of the community and have organised intergenerational projects and encouraged older members into school. Without a school, this wouldn't be possible.
84. Logierait Primary is in a central position within Ballinluig and is an important focal point for the families and generations in the community with much support from those living and working in the area. There are very few opportunities for the wide spread community to meet together but the school offers that chance with open afternoons, concerts, social activities and links with groups- the Blethers and the local church.
85. The community in Ballinluig is both as congealed and segmented as any other, in my opinion. The "stalwarts" are always there; they attend everything; they fundraise with enthusiasm and again, in my opinion this would not happen unless they valued the quality and importance that LPS plays within the community. LPS is in fact the hub of our community. We do have a village hall, but many things which involve the young pupils within our village, happens within school grounds. The impact of a potential closure for our school, is not only devastating to the existing community, but completely deters any new young families from moving into the area. This is well documented, the removal of schools, post offices and the like, from small communities, is a nail in a coffin.
86. Our community is very traditional, with strong values and a commitment to the youth of the village. The school has made extensive connections with many groups. Our intergenerational links with the "Ballinluig Blethers" has enabled children to benefit from their rich experience of life. It has grown from a simple "picnic in the park" to regular activities including games afternoons; outings; knitting where pupils created a blanket to send to an organisation in Edinburgh welcoming refugees to Scotland. The positive impact on the pupil's views of our more mature residents has been wonderful to see. Through their studies the children have engaged with local farmers; archivists; our local radio station; interviewing former pupils from the 1940s; local artists; local authors and more. All these experiences have done much towards Developing the Young Workforce as well as cementing their children views of themselves as members of the community and its future. Our "Butterfly Project" has been possible thanks to the support, of a local volunteer, which has developed real life learning contexts in so many ways; from applying core skills in maths to make practical resources to use for the project e.g. collecting boxes and rearing cages; to developing scientific study techniques (microscopes and photography) and extending their knowledge of their natural surroundings in terms of flora and fauna and contributing to biodiversity. Feedback on this aspect of their learning has been consistently positive and a visit from the urban project manager officer for British Butterfly Conservation, described their knowledge and skills as beyond anything he had ever seen in a school. On the day of XXXXX visit, the children were the ones who took XXXXX on a "guided tour" - they did not need an adult

to explain what they had learned! The children are currently planning a social enterprise project which will allow them to share their knowledge with other schools and supply the necessary equipment/livestock which they will make/rear themselves. Almost every child turned up during their summer break to release 700 peacock butterflies which they had reared from caterpillars - in my view this is a concrete demonstration of the commitment and enthusiasm our pupils and parents have for their school. Without exception, the feedback from the people who have been involved in our work has been nothing but praise for the children, in terms of effort, enthusiasm and manner. Being "under review" can prompt purely emotional responses, as people dislike massive change within their community, but I believe that our school is viewed as a vibrant and caring learning establishment in real terms, based firmly on the work we do and the children who are our greatest asset.

87. Logierait enjoys a very close relationship with the community, as we often participate in events together taking turns to host plays etc. in our village halls I have seen myself on numerous occasions fantastic turn outs and a real sense of community spirit.
 88. A strong community as the recent campaign to save the school has shown. The school are heavily engaged with the community and there are groups like the Ballinluig Blethers bring young and old together.
 89. I think the school helps in bringing people together in our smaller community, the parents are more likely to get to know each other and then bringing other members of the community into the group, the school has been involved in organising different events that includes anyone in the area wanting to join, not just the families of the children who go there.
 90. The children at the school are a pleasure. Well-mannered and interesting to talk with - the school is important to the community.
 91. I love living here. A great community.
 92. A friendly community with good rapport with the children at the school.
 93. A close community - the school has always been an asset.
 94. A great community - school always has played a supportive part.
 95. This is a close-knit community with strong ties to the school, particularly the older community who meet with the children to share skills and knowledge. This generational mix is just being researched and landed, and Logierait is well ahead of the game.
 96. Friendly community - hard to find these days - older population take an interest in the school.
 97. Brilliant school. Everyone knows each other and feels connected. Looks out for one and another caring community environment. Keeps the village full of life and joy.
 98. I have lived in this community for XXXXX years. My XXXXX sons age XXXXX + XXXXX both attended Logierait school as a parent I felt my children were happy and secure there even now I am aware of the bell ringing at usual time I also like to see the new primary ones walking to school on their first day also if I am in my garden the local children chat to me no way home from school I would miss these things very much in my life.
 99. I think Primary schools are the heart of small village.
 100. Community is a very friendly and welcoming place. Very happy. The school is a much loved part of this.
 101. We are happy to have Logierait Primary School. It makes local parents life easier and gives jobs to some people. I have never met anyone who would say a bad word about this school.
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7) Why do you think the population of 0-19 year olds in Highland Perthshire is decreasing?

Comments

1. Lack of opportunities – work wise. Low wages. Young folk need local schools. This is a must. A small child should not be expected to travel out of the district.
2. Not enough professional/ or jobs paid above minimum level, or permanent jobs most zero hours contracts. Families would find it difficult to meet the rents/ mortgages for this area with the jobs that are on offer.
3. Because PKC have not invested in young people in this area. There were far more activities and facilities 30-40 years ago.
4. No housing provision. Coupled with lack of well paid jobs.
5. Nothing to do around here.
6. Poor public transport in the rural areas.
7. Lack of opportunities for work. Poor internet areas. Town centred focus. Urban chosen over rural services by council.
8. Not enough large employers in the area paying wages that will cover rent. Mortgage > low wage sector.
9. Cost of housing – rents and buying. Lack of supply is driving up those costs. Many courses at UHI not what young folk want – so they move at 17-18 yrs. / work elsewhere after that.
10. Poor school academic results PKC wide – especially Breadalbane. If you want your children to go to university the 3+ and 5+ higher pass rate is poor.
11. Perthshire is now full of retired southerners and most of the houses are ‘second homes.’
12. There is no economic plan for Highland Perthshire.
13. Not enough activities in the area. Like scouts/ gymnastics/ ballet and etc. kids used to travel for activities. There’s enough space for creating all that in the area so people would stay/ come to live to the area.
14. The lack of affordable housing and good jobs.
15. Too many holiday homes. Not enough employment.
16. Shortage off decent jobs. Lack of affordable housing.
17. There are no decent facilities for them in the area or affordable housing for families. We need 3 or 4 bedroom houses to get families to stay upgrade or provide them!
18. Not enough affordable housing which means a decrease in families and increase in holiday homes, B&B’s, elderly etc. possibly not enough activities for children and older children – many mean families are choosing city life.
19. Highland Perthshire has become a haven for holiday homers, forcing young working families out of the housing market. More support should be given to people who choose to work and live here and keep are alive.
20. Lack of job opportunities, poor public transport, decreasing rural services.
21. No affordable housing options. Infrastructure for more long-term and permanent jobs.
22. Highland Perthshire has relied too heavily on tourism. There needs to be a focus on the long-term economic plan that attracts a diversity of employment opportunities.
23. Lack of affordable housing. Schools under review > not attractive to families looking at moving into area.
24. No affordable housing, especially for young families trying to get on the ladder.
25. Not relevant. Surely we should be looking at specific/ primary aged children not generalising and looking at statistics (lower birth rates) which is a PK wide “issue.”
26. No affordable housing for families in the smaller town’s areas – people move to bigger towns/ areas for bigger schools as they believe they are better and benefit their children/ families. I don’t believe this is the case – there is a lot to be said for smaller schools like Logierait.

27. Not enough affordable housing. Lack of social groups/ activities. Lack of childcare available. Lack of stable jobs in area – all/most are seasonal jobs. Lacking public transport – especially at evenings and weekends.
28. Not enough affordable housing and not enough jobs in the area for them. It is a lovely place to raise a family it is just too expensive and lacking jobs.
29. Not enough affordable housing in this area, or cheaper houses for rent/ council homes are very difficult to come by.
30. No affordable housing for families.
31. Affordable housing to encourage young families into the area. If there is uncertainty about schools in the area this doesn't encourage young families. Just retired people interested in area.
32. Uncertainty of local schools. People don't want their children on a bus at 7am home after 5pm!
33. Cost of housing. No chance that young local people can compete against retired people moving from the south. Disgraceful.
34. Affordable housing. Council hasn't built council houses outside Perth in any significant numbers. There is not enough affordable housing. Wonderful area for families to grow up in so more housing please!!
35. Lack of facilities/ jobs/ affordable housing for young families.
36. Believe me it will get so much worse if the council closes our schools. With the threat of closure come decisions. Decisions based on what is best for our children; would you put your children to a school that is under threat?? Also we need more affordable housing, and secure schools!!! It's actually quite simple. We have houses due to be built in Ballinluig but if our school closes....who is going to move here?? Not anyone with school age children that's for sure!!! I moved back here for the schools!! I didn't want my children going to larger primaries and secondary schools!!!!!!
37. Lack of housing and well-paying jobs for people so they move away especially when they are providing for young families there is more older people now.
38. Probably because of the lack of affordable housing for families and young people.
39. Housing is very expensive and private rents are high because of second homes and holiday lets. There is a lack of childcare. I work as a XXXXX in the area and families move to Perth so they can access childcare and housing is cheaper. The hospital advertises for nursing staff and there are no applicants. Closing schools make it more unattractive to families.
40. Work commitments maybe moving back to the cities, more chance of employment.
41. Not enough in villages/towns to keep them here need to go where the jobs are.
42. No jobs, no affordable housing for families, a lot of houses in the area are holiday homes.
43. Perthshire is an expensive area to live in and not a lot of employment on offer.
44. There is nothing for them to do! There is no finding available for after school clubs. The children have nowhere to go. There is a massive lack of childcare which puts a big strain on parents working or who wish to return to work.
45. Not enough houses or employment in the area and no university or colleges nearby.
46. Highland Perthshire's housing stock is greatly over priced for many young people and many jobs can be seasonal. However this should not be the case and more help should be given to young people that want to live in rural communities as ultimately it is the young people that will be raising families here and keep g these communities going.
47. Affordable housing has been limited for young families and first time buyers
48. I didn't realise it was so I can't comment on this but probably lacked housing etc. for families in the area.
49. Closing of small schools.
50. Families move for work.
51. Community is top-heavy with an ageing population and reduction in schooling and facilities will impact on the appeal for younger people and families to remain or move to the area.

52. There are no jobs for the young people of highland Perthshire so young people have to move awaymore and more it is becoming a retirement village.
53. I think there is a lack of affordable housing available for young families due to the fact the area is a popular tourist destination and the high number of holiday homes.
54. Lack of update to infrastructure.
55. A number of factors: 1. No major employer in the area. 2. Majority of jobs in the area are manual or service industry, so for higher wages work needs to be sought elsewhere. 3. Housing costs are not in line with the wages paid in the area. 4. Transport links are not good enough for commuters to consider the area. 5. Sporting facilities are limited and there is a lack of clubs for children to become involved in. 6. Lack of investment in the area to encourage outdoor sports which could encourage families to settle and boost tourist numbers - see Aviemore as an example of how growth can be achieved.
56. As many are going to university or moving when they are very young - could be due to moving closer to family and friends.
57. Well it's not going to help if you close all the schools is it! And nobody will be keen to move to the area with so many schools now under review for closure.
58. Closing the schools won't help. You are turning the place into a retirement village. Need more public recreation facilities.
59. Less work.
60. Pitlochry had seen over the year's people retiring to the town making it difficult for young families to get on the housing ladder as they cannot compete with the rising costs that the retirees can pay for the property. The population in the Ballinluig area with estate houses being sold for holiday homes and to people retiring, had depleted the housing stock available leaving young families no option but to move away. Although there is an application for 15 houses to be built in the village and if there is no local school it is less attractive to encourage you get families to live here.
61. Maybe less locals are staying to have their own families here, due to uncertainty over schools!
62. Lack of affordable 3/4 bed family homes on the area is seeing young people moving to other areas.
63. There is a lack of provision at all levels for services necessary for families and young people. Schools are obviously the most significant, but the atrocious transport links in the area is a huge burden on families, means young people are severely limited in their opportunities (e.g. most extra-curricular activities require being driven to, especially on Sundays) and are completely unjustifiable at a time when we should all be working towards more eco-friendly solutions. There is also insufficient investment in creating permanent, year-round employment, with too many people in seasonal work or vulnerable to bad employers.
64. Due to the closing of schools and lack of development in some areas. As a young person looking to one day have a family, I will be forced to move away from my home village (the village I have grown up in and wanted to raise a family in) if the council decide to close the school as there will be no school provision for me to send my children to.
65. It is decreasing because young people who are brought up in this area cannot afford to buy houses. This is because rich English people move up or buy second homes here. Something should be done about it, it makes my blood boil. Closing the school would exacerbate this issue.
66. Probable because the main universities and employers are in the larger towns and cities. However increased fast rural broadband could help reverse this.
67. It is too expensive for young couples to move to this area. Also there is a lack of full time jobs in this area.
68. People are moving to larger towns because they don't want their children to have to travel hours each day to attend school.
69. Not enough housing needs perhaps.
70. Families moving into city suburbs. I went to a small community school, education was good and spirits were always high.

71. I have no evidence it is decreasing. As already stated I have XXXXX, soon to be XXXXX grandchildren who will XXXXX Logierait just as their XXXXX, their XXXXX, their XXXXX and XXXXX siblings did. I XXXXX in Logierait and I have XXXXX pupils in this age bracket.
72. Partially because those who think they are “in power” feel that they can pick apart communities gradually by closing pre-school education then primary education. People will always move away. However if there is no education provision available in the parish how could you expect young families to move into the area.
73. N/A.
74. Lacking in jobs in local area for adults.
75. Possible reasons are: families moving away due to lack of suitable and affordable housing; no employment.
76. It is an expensive area for families to live in. Jobs are hard to find, public transport is inadequate.
77. Poor infrastructure with regard to transport options combined with the impossible insurances young people are expected to pay for cars. It is difficult for this age group to be independent in Highland Perthshire. Better internet connection would keep more employment opportunities open.
78. Lack of jobs and affordable housing.
79. It certainly isn't Logierait Primary Schools fault. Invest in housing, education, a living wage, transport, communication networks. Maybe some of our young people will not be drawn so much to the big cities and instead value the higher quality lifestyle in our rural communities?
80. House prices are ridiculous compared to other areas in Scotland and are often bought to rent out privately, use as holidays lets or second homes. It's a very hard thing to buy appropriate housing round here as a young family. There are also less rural jobs such as farmers, Phillies, gatekeepers etc.
81. Not attracting families due to uncertainty in services available - move things out of the centre and make it more attractive.
82. The general population is decreasing and with the uncertainty over Brexit, lots of people will not be making significant choices at this point in their lives. It's to do with perception and unless we wish everyone to live and work in towns and cities, we need to change the narrative: invest in rural infrastructure, value the skills in rural settings and promote Highland Perthshire as being an amazing place to live and work. An integral part of The Creativity project, an LMG initiative last session, was to underline the benefits and opportunities here including the opportunity to learn in a variety of different backgrounds and settings. The culminating event in Kinloch Rannoch served to underline the wealth and breadth and depth of children's experiences.
83. I think it is because there is very few full time jobs and housing in the area.
84. Lack of appropriate housing.
85. Lack of affordable housing. Poor public transport in relation to work for adults and therefore families. Decrease in populations in general in rural areas.
86. I will answer this question as an opinion, but do not see the relevance of this question regarding a potential closure of our school. It seems quite obvious that the high rents; low pay resulting in very mundane job opportunities, is not only a catalyst, but has become a potential requirement for young people to move away, as indeed my own two children have done.
87. I think a number of reasons. Lack of affordable and available housing - a single young adult is never going to be able to get a council house; private rents are beyond the reach of most young people here, my own XXXXX included. This enforces a move elsewhere, Job prospects tend to be low paid, narrow in range and often seasonal. Young people hoping to extend their life chances cannot do so here. Training opportunities are limited and young people need to go elsewhere to gain qualifications and once they have gone, rarely return. Transport costs are prohibitive and impractical; petrol costs are

- high. Significant real investment is required for Highland Perthshire, if the drift away of our young people is to be halted.
88. Affordable housing is I believe the biggest problem followed by lack of year round jobs, we seem to have a large population of retired professionals. There is also a lack of childcare in the whole highland Perthshire area.
 89. Poor provision of local affordable housing. Some employers locally are having to bus employees in from Perth. Young people can't afford to live here and move away. Council needs to support the area and build houses.
 90. Because less young people stay in the area meaning there are less families here, it is becoming more and more expensive to live here and with people buying holiday homes in the area means there is less housing for local people wanting to stay here.
 91. We need more affordable housing and less holiday housing.
 92. Lack of work. Lack of housing.
 93. Lack of low cost housing for young families.
 94. Too many holiday homes, houses lying empty for a great deal of the year.
 95. Lack of housing and work.
 96. Work and school access. In this area there are few nurseries and minimal wrap-around care, which makes full time work impossible for a parent. The population however seems to be increasing with more houses being built, so the schools are all needed.
 97. Need more affordable housing and less holiday homes - ban 2nd homes.
 98. Cost of buying property - too expensive. No council/ social housing available to rent.
 99. Not a lot of entertainment for families locally.
 100. Job opportunities - e.g. fewer apprenticeships. Housing i.e. rental accommodation too expensive for youngsters starting employment.
 101. Lack of affordable housing. Lack of sustainable employment. (Tourism is seasonal).
 102. Did not realise it is decreasing. Maybe parents of 0-19 kids are migrating to search for better/ better paid job. Also many non-residents are going back home.
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8) A number of Logierait Primary School catchment pupils attend other primary schools. What do you think are the reasons for this? (Please give details)

Comments

1. The clear reason for this is that we have no nursery provision at our school. Therefore children and parents are forming friendships and forming relationships with other schools. I know this as I too have a XXXXX currently XXXXX nursery at XXXXX school, but XXXXX will definitely XXXXX to XXXXX Logierait School. If XXXXX had been able to attend nursery at Logierait School it would have made it so much nicer and easier for both of us as the nursery there is very, very crowded and XXXXX does not cope well with that. It's like already being set up to fail , when we don't have a nursery so children can't start their pre-school years with us and form bonds with all our children and teachers and start in the school then are going to stay at!!!
2. Because of the lack of nursery as I previously said.
3. I imagine some might be going to Gaelic medium education in Aberfeldy.
4. After School Childcare and Stay at the School where they go to Nursery.
5. A fear that the school will close. Also the nursery is in Pitlochry and parents then say they have made friends and decide to keep them there. Grandparents maybe in Pitlochry so there is help with child care. Pressure from Pitlochry School to keep them there once they start in nursery.
6. My opinion is that the children who stay in the village should attend the school, but again it's the parents' choice, if they didn't have a choice they would have to go to Logie.
7. To be honest, I don't know. Could be more convenient for parents, due to work commitments.
8. They go to nursery in Pitlochry and they make friends there, so they stay in Pitlochry. A few go to Pitlochry so they can use after School childminders.
9. Can only assume it is the parent's personal choice.
10. Since there isn't a nursery at Logierait children attending nursery at a different school are more likely to stay at that school throughout primary as they have friends they have grown up with. It can be hard to uproot them from that back to a school where they would be separated from friends.
11. Should all be in Ballinluig.
12. I believe in the last 2 years the sole reason for this is the fact that one of the schools options is closure and that puts many parents off as why would you send your child to a school that may close. Also be g able to choose where you send your child to school should be tightened up if you live in a certain catchment area then that is where your child should go school, this is the rules for many councils and I believe it would solve many schools problems of overcrowding or under occupancy.
13. Some parents thought it better to keep children in classes with friends they had made at nursery.
14. Because they have the choice - if they didn't have this choice they wouldn't have to go to other schools - other reasons would be because Dunkeld have a private nursery for after school children and Pitlochry has a nursery for younger children - this is what Logierait needs and fast.
15. Parents working there.
16. Wider range of facilities and group activities offered and the fact that children need to move up to high school in other towns.
17. It depends where the family have their jobs or childcare and this usually means bigger towns or villages.
18. This could be due to the fact there was a new campus built at Breadalbane and the assumption is that there are better opportunities available.

19. They think because the school is small their children might miss out on opportunities they would expect at a larger school.
20. Class sizes are too small in Logierait.
21. This could be due to travel for the parents and / or careers of the children - easier for them.
22. Because the children have older siblings that have moved on to high school at Breadalbane or Pitlochry High.
23. More social interaction from larger classes. Enhance the school and get the kids to go local.
24. Worries about the future of the school.
25. Their children went to nursery in Pitlochry and they wanted them to continue with the friends they made there.
26. Due to needing more child care, i.e. nursery.
27. Nursery provision available at the other schools.
28. Their parents feel pressured to send them to a school that they can attend for their whole educational career. Parents also tend to send their youngest child to nursery in the same school as their brothers and sisters because it's easier to send your children together and also because we do not have the same facilities at Logierait.
29. I have no idea perhaps their parents work or live in the other villages. It certainly isn't the calibre of the teaching at Logierait because it is a fabulous school.
30. Probably because there is no nursery provision. Parents quite like to ensure that nursery friendships are maintained which is why some go to Pitlochry primary.
31. I do not know. Perhaps small amount of peers for them to play with? Or if the pupils fall out with each other it is hard for them to make more friends.
32. It may be convenient for parents with work commitments for their child to attend a particular school.
33. Not sure why as it is a lively school.
34. I would definitely put my kids to this school. I just don't understand why parents put their children to out of catchment schools, as this is what happens. Good schools close and others stay open.
35. As already stated I disagree with this practice. I think it's the mistaken belief that bigger is better. Having taught in a school with 1500 pupils I can confirm it's a mistaken belief. More like a factory than a school.
36. No preschool education provision in Ballinluig. Mobile parents take their children to more distant preschool than keep their children there for primary education as the children are settled.
37. Again, provide a nursery, this is an issue in many areas, provide child care and then the children will continue to stay at the school, take away the awful threat of closure, sort this once and for all and listen to the people who matter' those who care about walking their children to school, those who need their Primary school in the village of Ballinluig, those people who have moved to the area especially so that their children can attend one of the best Primary schools anyone could have the luck to have in their village.
38. I think it's because of the numbers being low. Also some parents don't want siblings being in the same class.
39. I don't know.
40. Less disruption as they get older and nearer exam stage. There is also a class issue that no one will want to discuss in any detail. The kids who left this school and went on to the "big" schools in the past were very often some of the best performers in their new classes. If they did not reach these academic heights they certainly progressed with a background of community and shared responsibility. This was what made the school important to me and made me very proud to have been part of its community.
41. Nursery classes available at other schools and parents don't want to move kids from friends.

42. I'm sure ignorance is a factor - 'bigger schools are better. My child will receive a better education in.' whereas, our teacher/s in our smaller schools have better skills as everyday they are having to teach children in different school years.
43. Probably because the school is small and it could have an impact on social skills. Parents may assume that bigger schools have better opportunities.
44. Concerns for the future and looking for consistency - might also be due to where the work is it might suit better for collection/dropping off at another school?
45. Breadalbane Academy poaches pupils - SMT from Breadalbane attend Logierait evenings and events, giving pupils and parents a "hard sell", even though Logierait is in Pitlochry catchment. Stop Breadalbane stealing Logierait pupils please and let pupils come to Pitlochry.
46. Currently there are approximately 4 pupils who do not attend from the catchment. I would refer to my previous answers to questions 1 and 2 regarding the perceptions of a paucity of opportunities and friendships available whereas the evidence suggests the contrary with increased social cohesiveness, stronger ties and a way of working that involves true partnership.
47. Looking into this and there is only a handful.
48. Some pupils live in the out-lying areas, like Dalcapon, which means a journey to any school, whether it is Logierait or Pitlochry. Some parents work in Pitlochry and it is easier to drop off and pick up children.
49. Parents have been encouraged to choose... Getting it right for every child means that many parents think it is their right to simply choose and this may be due to convenience of working arrangements or out of school care for children and therefore just easier to be in a certain place at a certain time to collect their off-spring. Also some people have been readily swayed by the new community campus thinking - but realistically this has its limitations e.g. pupils do not get into the public library when it is closed every school day Monday, nor do they have the specific staff who are focused on the curriculum for excellence and the delivery of skills and wider achievements to compliment and support the teaching staff, nor do they have ready access to the swimming pools - it is very limited for most pupils. There was much publicity initially about the alternative subjects being offered e.g. hairdressing etc. but I would suggest that there have been many problems with these subject areas. Pitlochry high school has significant academic success yet the football pitches etc. in community campuses seem to impress many people perhaps if the money invested in Pitlochry high school was given in such a way as to develop its own specialism then this would truly allow parents to have a more equitable choice.
50. Q1 covers Q6, other than the fact that it is the local Authority who allows the decision for a child to "skip" their own catchment area school. As I have stated, this cannot be on the grounds of poor facilities; education practice or any other issue relating to a child's wellbeing and their education potential. It is purely down to a weak protocol from Council or education services allowing parents to move children to wherever and whenever they feel applicable.
51. Lack of nursery provision, previously mentioned, is one reason which has been specifically cited. Some parents see a single teacher school as limiting in regard to their children's social skills - in fact it does the opposite, in our view. Parents who work locally do not have the necessary after school/ wraparound care required for them to practically manage a situation where their children attend Logierait. The school estates review itself has been directly responsible for at least 4 families deciding not to send their children to our school (see Q2; option 2) as it creates a situation of uncertainty.
52. The lack of nursery provisions! Children make friends in nursery and then parents don't always want to move them to a school where the possible intake for that year is only a few kids. If they got to experience how well the whole school will be involved in their child's education then the prospect of only a few children in that year is not an issue.
53. They attend nursery elsewhere and then want to stay with their friends. This situation would be improved by installing a nursery.

54. Could be many reasons but I really couldn't give any definite reasons.
55. Obviously because of the nursery element. If they have younger children and I suppose a certain amount of snobbery thinking Grandtully more upmarket.
56. It's obvious. No nursery facility.
57. I feel younger parents would send children to Logierait if there was a nursery facility for younger siblings.
58. If a parent has a younger child then they opt for Pitlochry as there is a nursery there.
59. Most have younger children and prefer Pitlochry as it has a School & nursery.
60. As previously stated, working parents need nursery provision and wrap around care options as well, otherwise they will have to choose other schools that can provide it.
61. Because they have younger siblings who go to nursery in Pitlochry for instance. Also uncertainty about school staying open.
62. Perhaps parents work and find it easier to have children out of house earlier in the morning.
63. I understand primary children are taken to secondary schools with secondary (older brothers & sisters) to save transport. Many children no longer walk to school.
64. I do not know, possibly because others (e.g. Grandtully? Pitlochry) are nearer.
65. I think the only reason is absence of nursery. My XXXXX goes to nursery in Pitlochry and I would love to put XXXXX to Logierait Primary School but idea of separating XXXXX with XXXXX friends in Pitlochry makes XXXXX very upset. I think it's very stressful for kids and too stressful for parents so they let children to be with friends.
66. Nursery and childcare is a must and probably the main reason why parents don't send their children to Logierait Primary School! If there was this provision, more people would put their children to Logierait Primary School. We need a nursery!!!
67. People are put off by the fact there is a review and therefore don't want to send their children here "in case" it closes – this is really sad and if there wasn't this threat then maybe more people would send their children here.
68. Worries for the future. Investment, growth and hope would ensure people feel more confident with a decision to start their children's school journey at this wonderful school.
69. Lack of after school childcare in area. No young family afford to live in area due to housing cost and lack of housing.
70. Already there have been families interested in sending their children to Logierait but have been put off due to it being under review.
71. Children attend other schools because they believe the bigger schools are 'better'!! This is not the case – there is a lot to be said for smaller schools – keep smaller schools open for 'bigger' pupil's success!!
72. Families have been put off coming to the school with the threat of the school closing hanging over it.
73. Nursery provision at other schools. It's difficult when friendships that have been made are broken. Also school being under review.
74. There is no wrap around child care.
75. Early years and wraparound provision. Vital parental choice.
76. The kids got to a nursery elsewhere and stay there for school after making friends.
77. The children go to nursery elsewhere, then stay there do school.
78. No nursery provision or wraparound care which has led to would be pupils going to other schools.
79. Pupils go to primary school outside area: because parents think less disruption moving up the school. Problem with this is if school not right for child then leave at 16, or before, anyway.
80. Obviously following friends from nursery. Causes less disruption to child to stay on from nursery.
81. I believe there is an element of snobbery about people's choices. Choosing Grandtully over Logierait.

82. Lack of childcare. More children at other schools which children create friendship groups with at social activities (cubs, rainbows, scouts etc.). No nursery at Logierait which feed it to above comment.
83. No wraparound childcare.
84. Because they are given that choice – if they didn't have a choice of school and have to go to the school in their catchment area this would almost double the capacity of pupils at Logierait School!! Bring back the catchment area rules to stop this!!!
85. Don't let children go to schools out with the catchment area – children who live in or near Logierait School attend schools further afield which is crazy - Logierait is a far better school than some surrounding ones!!!
86. Better facilities available elsewhere, like nurseries and better childcare.
87. There is no nursery in Ballinluig, so they attend Pitlochry and make friends there so keep kids there.
88. A nursery is needed to help families with young children!
89. Lack of nursery provision and then children make friends there. Siblings already at the other school. Parents working in the schools location.
90. Pupils attend other primary schools: because older siblings have moved to the other school and easier to manage childcare arrangements in larger area for 2+ children – also like both in same place.
91. Kids attend nursery in Pitlochry, make friends there, so parents decide to leave them there. Some think big schools are better but small rural schools are more caring, attentive and have time for pupils.
92. No nursery facilities so parents are putting kids to schools with these facilities.
93. They make friends at nursery and they stay there. No childcare at Logierait.
94. There is not enough/ or no childcare available in Logierait/ Ballinluig!
95. Again, due to having to attend nursery elsewhere. The council is basically killing this school as they are neglecting to provide a nursery provision at Logierait, which is ridiculous as it's an idea location for working families in area.
96. I do not know the reason for this. But my X children went to this school and had a brilliant education so they do not know what they are missing.
97. I'm sure because there's no nursery at Logierait primary. Lots of locals carried on taking kids to Pitlochry School after their kids finished nursery.
98. After going to nursery they stay at the school.
99. Because they've made friends at nursery – no nursery provision in Logierait.
100. There is no wraparound childcare supported by the council in Highland Perthshire.
101. They must make friends at nursery in Pitlochry and then stay on at school there.
102. Children go to other schools because there is no nursery provision or childcare for their children! Brining a nursery/ childcare to Logierait would be beneficial and much needed!!!
103. Children go outside the catchment area because: 1) they have to go to nursery elsewhere – then they build relationships and want to stay. 2) There is no afterschool care for children who don't have family in Ballinluig.
104. There's no after school activities/ care in the area. They have to travel to another town.
105. Probably because of wrap around care/ nursery. Working parents need to have their children safe and cared for outside 'normal' school hours and can't do several school runs to care for other children.
106. Because they go to nursery in Pitlochry they make friends and they stay there.
107. Because parents believe the other schools out with their catchment of Logierait are much better because they are bigger – this is not the case – smaller schools re better as more attention can be given to pupils and therefore more learning!!
108. Lack of wraparound childcare.
109. I believe this as to do with the lack of nursery being offered so parents want their kids to stay with their friends. Also probably to give pupils chance to make more friends as more pupils more chance of friends.

9) Do you have any other comments?

Comments

1. Logierait School needs a wraparound nursery. Parents could use it from Pitlochry and Aberfeldy. Pitlochry nursery is too big.
2. If there was no school people won't move to the area.
3. We need wrap around child care.
4. Closing the school will put people off buying houses in the area which will greatly affect the demographics of Ballinluig.
5. Rural communities are being discriminated. All monies and improvement going to Perth City. People in rural communities' pay their council tax etc. the same as other for reduced services.
6. School could be used for other events e.g. evening classes.
7. Maybe consider using the school for adult evening classes.
8. Would be a great idea to introduce a nursery to the school to utilise space. After school and breakfast clubs would be of great help too for those requiring childcare!
9. Would be a real shame to have little children travelling long distances to another school where they will get less attention!
10. Nursery provision and childcare.
11. Builders building in the area have been consulted on the options as closure would maybe have an impact on them building in the area and then impact on you 0-19 more.
12. The school could be used for other things e.g. evening classes, fundraising events, bingo teas ☺ use the space more!!
13. My XXXXXX. As a rural community school outside activities included visiting our farm at lambing time growing their own veg and encouraging outside environment as well as class based, in my opinion a very important part of education.
14. Please don't close our school! I came from Logierait Primary, although Logierait was a small school then, I went on to travel XXXXX and volunteer and working various places in XXXXX. I believe this stemmed from the confidence I gained while attending Logierait Primary. This was due to being given the correct amount of attention at Logierait PS.
15. Two year notice of review is insufficient because the effects of new planning take up to seven years. A 5 year review would be far more realistic and do less damage.
16. Other nurseries are very oversubscribed meaningful teaching impossible. Start them off in nursery and they grow with the school. Houses cost less here so a better option for young couples. Need to encourage these youngsters to move here by retraining the school.
17. I came from Logierait Primary and through the amazing teaching and small classes I grew to the person I am today. Experiences make the person and Logierait School the I XXXXX. Without the education I received in Logierait I would not be where I am today.
18. My XXXXX, now XXXXX and XXXXXXX XXXXX at Pitlochry High and Breadalbane. XXXXX struggles with XXXXX reading from an early age it was picked up quickly at Logierait school and an appropriate reading scheme implemented XXXXX is now doing a Masters in XXXXX University.
19. My XXXXX attended the Royal School of Dunkeld for 3 years – mainly because of the private nursery near the school – where XXXXX attended when I worked full-time. My XXXXX struggled greatly at Dunkeld and as a result we struggled at home. I made the choice to move XXXXX to Logierait Primary School XXXXX and the change in XXXXX behaviour and learning has been amazing – bigger schools are not better!!!
20. Education at rural schools is more caring, attentive and they pick up on any “slow learning” pupils very quickly. A more family feeling is acquired by pupils and they learn about different “traits” of fellow pupils and learn how to deal with them. No “bullying” or negative attitudes to fellow pupils.
21. Everyone is included at Logierait. We are all one big happy family. Leave us alone!!

22. Nursery provision would help!
23. Children attend other school out with their catchment as they believe they are better because they are bigger – allowing children to socialise more etc. children can still learn to socialise at a smaller school and they actually learn to respect people more than they would in a bigger school.
24. Give the school a makeover – it looks the same to when I attended over 20 years ago – this doesn't affect the excellent teaching etc. but possible a reason some parents don't put their children here.
25. Nursery provision is essential and the school is big enough to absorb this.
26. The school is fantastic and the smaller sizes benefit the kids.
27. Increasing the amount of social housing and affordable housing within Ballinluig/ Logierait would attract more families to come to the area and therefore increase the amount of children attending Logierait School. Nursery provision is much needed to allow parents to get back to work and provide for their children.
28. Yes plenty. I just don't understand why smaller, rural communities are always being ripped apart, if you take the school, you have taken the heart of our community. Our children will have to travel on buses, none of us want that. Hands off our wee school because we love it!!!!
29. I think it is essential to keep this local school open.
30. I have heard excellent reports of the school. Please keep it open.
31. Please don't close this lovely school.
32. We need our village primary schools, heart of their communities.
33. Keep Logierait open.
34. I hope that both Logierait Primary and Pitlochry High School can be saved as having to go to Breadalbane Academy for, 5th and 6th years proved disruptive for me.
35. I was a pupil at that school and I still have ties to Ballinluig it would be a shame to close the school. All the families would move if no primary school.it would be a big loss to the community. XXXXX.
36. My XXXXX and I recently XXXXX a house in the village so that our children could continue to go to Logierait Primary as they love it so much. Now we could have chosen to move elsewhere but we didn't and are supporting our local community by living, working and sending our children to the local school. It feels as though we are being penalised for this decision and by the council trying to close local schools is in no way to encourage working families to the area in the future.
37. Logierait primary gave me a fantastic start to my education and I graduated BSC degree.
38. Don't close our school.
39. Closing down a vital part/of the community just erodes the already declining areas of rural life. Before long there will be no small schools left and it will all be ugly campus style schools like Aberfeldy.
40. I think that Logierait primary is a valuable asset to the community and it would be detrimental to the area if it is closed.
41. No.
42. No I don't.
43. Don't close Logierait Primary!!!!
44. This school has set both my children up for their future, both in education and emotionally. One is now XXXXX for Scotland, the other is XXXXX locally.
45. If you closed this school you would lose a valuable resource in the area the children gain so much from working together in the composite class. They all help each other and the confidence the children have is amazing. They are very committed to the conservation of butterflies and have learned loads by building a butterfly farm ... the educational benefits of this are exceptional and instead of considering closure you should be considering sending other schools there for education experiences.
46. Do not close our school!!!!
47. Yes the council and politicians need to get their fingers out and fight for this school.

48. I have personally XXXXX at the school by giving a XXXXX on engineering. What struck me about the school was the children were all fully engaged and happy. I personally think this is one of the attractions of a small school where the children feel secure and happy.
49. Do not close this school.
50. No.
51. Please rethink your policy of closure and making young children travel distances to school. Apart from the fact there are children who suffer from travel sickness, environmentally you are increasing the carbon footprint and costing the Council more money with more buses, diesel and drivers' time.
52. I attended Logierait Primary School some considerable time ago and the quality of education was outstanding, because of the small class sizes and the community engagement. It stood me in good stead to move on with my education and have a successful career. I made lifelong friends there, during these formative years.
53. In 2013 myself and fellow pupils planted a tree in the grounds of Logierait Primary School, it was the schools 150th Anniversary, on the plaque which sits in the ground beside the tree is written these words. In 150 years Logierait Primary School has helped educate and nurture generations of children this tree is presented with thanks from them all. Do not allow that to be the last of the children who benefit from the wonderful start in life that Logierait Primary School Provides.
54. Think of the wider impact of closure.
55. I spent my whole primary schooling at Logierait and went on to be a primary teacher. Time moves on but in this community the school has always been an important cornerstone. PKC are having a difficult time as are many councils. I would hate to think that in years to come we look back at the decisions which are being made at the moment for short term gain and compare them to the short sighted Beeching cuts back in the 60s and the long term negative effect of losing its train station has probably had on Ballinluig in these days of leisure, tourism and travel and how important they are to the area. I hope only what's best for the school going forward. XXXXX
56. I've met elected officials who lament historical decisions made by their forebears. I hope and pray this generation of elected officials don't make a similar mistake. Don't rip the heart from our community!
57. Appreciate that hard decision need to be made, but closing this school is not the answer and will devastate a community.
58. One size does not fit all and we are encouraged to engage with the curriculum in creative ways. Knowing children, parents and the wider community well is valued by both staff and families as a relationship of trust that is not to be easily replicated. Furthermore, those pupils from this type of setting play a particular role as they move on having experienced this start. It is differentiation par excellence: knowing your place in the scheme of things, taking those responsibilities, organising work independently, learning from/with others across ages and stages, seeing the others' viewpoint is inevitable and understanding the key part you play is all crucial. These are the skills for life. Small, rural school education should continue to be part of the rich learning experiences on offer in the authority. Pupils bringing a range of contexts to the educational melting pot can only be a good thing. A 'can do' philosophy is infectious in a small school which has seen 4 consecutive Green Flags, finalists and runners up in Royal Horticultural Educational Trust competition, finalists in keep Scotland beautiful and with a Butterfly Conservation Project running in its third year commended by Professor XXXX XXXXX (Urban Butterfly Project Officer) as 'beyond anything he might have imagined possible'. A student's tutor last year spoke of the 'enthusiasm, confidence and sense of fun ' in the children which was 'a real pleasure to behold' describing the work we do here as 'excellent'. We play a vital role in the provision of an education system that is fit for all.
59. I think we need to consider the building the new houses that are supposed to be built along St Ceddes that we could have a lot more children in the area an people with young families would consider moving to the area if they knew that there is a school. If going by

- your prediction and the school role goes up to 19 children and that makes the school a 2 teacher then in might be more desirable for people to put their children to the school. Our children here have had a wide range of experience's we won Beat the Take Away, got picked to go to Edinburgh for their pocket garden design, we have a Butterfly project on the go where the children help rear caterpillar's then release them, they currently have 4 green flags, There is a kitchen here that could cater for the children instead of getting out meals brought in. We have a dining area/ PE hall that is big enough for the children.
60. It would impact the health & wellbeing of the pupils to have to travel to alternative schools when they are used to being in a smaller class setting and walking to school.
61. Small rural schools should be valued for the contribution that they make in the community and for the development of pupils who can fulfil their potential and who in turn wish to invest in these communities by being self-employed, by being active, community members. The Scottish government state that they wish to support rural schools, please allow these communities to develop their own ideas of how rural schools can evolve and thrive.
62. From a personal standpoint, I find even the idea of small school closures, completely abhorrent. You well know from the assessments which are done on a very frequent basis, further enhanced by HMI that most of these small schools are providing an education to young people, which is the equivalent of a very expensive private school (I have been in many). I can say that after XXXXX years of working within LPS environment that the delivery, the quality, the "investment" that the staff have made for the benefit of the very fortunate pupils who attend, is within my opinion of the highest calibre, quality and devotion.
63. Here is a school which has excellent relationships with our pupil's parents and community. We enjoy a high level of support, even after pupils have left us - we recently accommodated a student placement for a former pupil, now studying at the Conservatoire in Glasgow to become a music teacher; XXXXX spoke warmly of the experience had had had when XXXXX had been a pupil and this happens time and time again - these young people care enough about their time at our school to attend special events, long after they have left us. Other teaching students who are placed at our school express regret at having to leave and gratitude for the experience they have had in terms of developing their skills as a practitioner. We have highly skilled teaching staff, who deliver a curriculum across three levels at least, in addition to pupils who require extra support or challenge. As one school of a shared headship, we have capitalised on opportunities for our pupils to extend their peer groups for particular aspects of learning and feedback from pupil focus groups in both schools, confirm that they value these and recognise the benefits to them. Likewise for staff, we have effectively worked together on school improvement to share our expertise and skills. Our staff team at Logierait is dedicated to providing the best for our pupils and we could well be described more like a family than a school. Our parent body has given us phenomenal support in many ways, expressing their view that they could not think of any way in which the school could be improved - and sharing with anyone who would listen! One parent, whose child attended our school, at a time when their own catchment school was full to capacity, expressed XXXXX view that XXXXX would not have had XXXXX miss XXXXX experiences at Logierait for the world. Visiting staff always comment on how welcome they feel; how hard the children work and how they love being here. We may not be unique in that, but it means that we have something special. Our pupils develop in confidence every day; know their strengths and development needs; support each other and rise to the challenges they meet. They know that we expect their best and will not settle for less than that - but they also know that we are there for them whatever they face and that, for us, is the ultimate goal.
64. Logierait offers a wonderful learning experience to all the kids currently attending, it frequently welcomes all the children from my kid's school at Blair Atholl for lessons and events and they truly love spending time there. It would be extremely detrimental to the local community to lose the school as it is a main hub in the village.

65. Council should be supporting the school to grow not killing our rural community.
 66. It would be a great shame to close a school where the children are too well educated and mannerly - start a nursery.
 67. Keep the school open.
 68. The school is an important part of the community - keep it open - start a nursery.
 69. Ballinluig and Logierait are communities with young families; if the school is closed they will drift away leaving elderly residents and holiday homes. The school is necessary for the continuation of the community.
 70. Keep the school open.
 71. 1) Don't close the school. 2) Consider adding a nursery (3-5 yrs.). 3) Embrace what the school is doing best e.g. the butterfly project, ecological awareness, work with the wider community and the older generation.
 72. I can't believe that closing a perfectly sound school with great education can be considered to be closed.
 73. I feel it is also good for parents to communicate when waiting at school gates also my husband is XX and also attended this school it would be a great loss to us if it closed.
 74. There are plenty outdoor facilities around the school which are underused.
 75. I think the depth of local feeling on this matter shows the value that local people place upon the school. I also very much enjoy the atmosphere within the school.
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10) ALL EMAILS & LETTERS RECEIVED

The Schools Consultation Team.

I write to express my opposition to any attempts to close Logierait Primary School.

Logierait is a valued local resource, which is much-loved within the community and by pupils. Indeed, recent media reports have shown children making signs to campaign for their school to be kept open.

Moreover, the facilities offered by the school building, in addition to the surrounding play area, are of significant benefit to pupils. It is my understanding that the building is the last civil building in the Logierait and Ballinluig area, and I am concerned that closure would lead to a building of considerable quality and potential lying dormant.

It is my belief that it would be mutually beneficial to the community and the council for Logierait to be spared from closure, and for the building to be put to greater use – whether in the form of nursery provision, community groups or another purpose.

I thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Yours faithfully,
John Swinney, MSP

Dear Sir/Madam

Logierait Primary School

I would like to express my opposition to the threat of closure of Logierait Primary School. The closure of this school will have a huge impact of this rural community.

Logierait is a much loved and well thought of school. This was demonstrated during the consultation where existing and former pupils came together to express their opposition to the closure of this school. There is an enthusiasm about this school, which was reported in the press recently, pupils were giving up their free time to campaign for their school.

The school is already providing a diversity of education as pupils learn about their natural environment. This is an excellent facility which is under used and with further investment could widen the opportunities that are available to pupils and the wider community.

I believe that there needs to be an honest conversation about how additional support needs and nurture care are provided for within Highland Perthshire. Because of its location between Aberfeldy and Pitlochry, I am sure that Logierait would provide an excellent base for an Additional Support Needs Facility.

Other potential additional uses for this building have been identified by the community and I would lend my support to all of the options been explored further. But it is my belief that the building should be put to greater use either through, additional support needs, nurture care, nursery provision or even wider public use.

I thank you for taking the time considering this and look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Mike Williamson
Ward 4 Highland

Dear XXXXX,

I write with reference to the proposed possible school closures of Grandtully Primary, Logierait Primary and Pitlochry High.

As a home owner in Tulliemet with an XXXXX, I am very concerned as to how these possible school closures will affect our family, local community and businesses. Therefore, I would like to share my thoughts on how Perth and Kinross Council could keep these schools open and make it an opportunity to attract families to the area and improve the local community.

Having previously lived in Glasgow and attended very big and busy primary and secondary schools, both the size and personalisation of Logierait and Grandtully schools were an important factor to draw us to this area when we relocated six years ago. I know many families whose children attend both Grandtully and Logierait and am unable to see any benefit that closing the schools will offer these children – simply put, parents are very happy with their child's learning experience. Although it is evident that the number of pupils attending Logierait in particular is not increasing, there are external factors for this, which I believe are easily addressed.

Logierait Primary

Logierait Primary is the school that my XXXXX should be attending. However when we moved here XXXXX years ago (XXXXX we couldn't find any childcare in Ballinluig so XXXXX went to a private nursery in Dunkeld as I worked full-time. As a result of this, XXXXX went to school nursery at Royal School of Dunkeld. When XXXXX was of age to start school, again I looked for childcare in Ballinluig, but there still wasn't any facilities, so we enrolled XXXXX in Royal School of Dunkeld which is where XXXXX is now. I know of XXXXX other parents in the catchment area who would prefer their child to Logierait, but the lack of child-care facilities prevents this.

Solution: utilise empty classroom space with council-run or private childcare facilities (8am-6pm) which operates throughout the holidays. If not possible, provide/find some council building in Ballinluig in which a private nursery/childcare facility could operate to support working parents. This would attract new families to the area and provide the infrastructure for parents like me to send their children to the school.

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In conclusion, I completely oppose the closure of any of these schools and instead, hope that Perth and Kinross Council will utilise this opportunity to not only keep these schools open, but invest in them for the good of the local community.

Kindest regards,
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Dear XXXXX,

School Estates Review: Logierait Primary School

I am writing to you in relation to the on-going School Estate Review (SER) of Logierait Primary School being undertaken by the Education & Children's Services Department (ECS).

The Review

Firstly, I would like to say that I think that the way the Council has chosen to carry out this School Estates Review is fundamentally combative with the communities involved, my local communities, have felt like they're under attack mainly due to the option of closure being put on the table in the initial consultation. These communities have received a number of service/job losses in recent times including their local RBS banks within the last six months and to open up the door to further significant service loss is incredibly insensitive. This review has seriously damaged the Council's reputation in these communities and in future I would suggest that a model closer to that being currently used by Angus Council where school management groups or geographical areas are holistically looked at, and an open conversation takes place with the community about the current situation and how it could be improved would be a much better model. I as a Councillor who fundamentally disagrees with this review and the process – have had to spend considerable amounts of time trying to reassure the community that closure is not inevitable and has not already been decided on.

I would also like to state that I feel the communications around the review have been incredibly poor. No posters were put up in the local area except by the Parent Councils and no letters were sent home promoting the informal consultation events in some cases. The information about the schools was not available until after the consultation events had been announced – it would have been much better if these had been made available at the same time. The local councillors were also the last people to be informed about the options for our local schools – after the staff, Parent Councils, Community Councils in some cases and the press. This was incredibly discourteous and prevented us from being able to properly perform our role. However, I would like to also take this opportunity to say that the staff who have been directly supporting the review, have been great. They have been very helpful at answering any queries I, Parent Councils or others have had since the start of this process and showed great professionalism at all the informal community consultation events.

The Options

In regards to your first proposed future option for the school of "Logierait Primary School catchment area is reviewed to determine whether this would increase the school roll sufficiently to ensure the future sustainability of the school". I would be supportive of a limited catchment review to extend towards the Kindallachan direction and to extend towards East Haugh to see if there may be pupils already attending Logierait Primary School from these areas or who may wish to attend the school if home to school transport was to be offered. Additional pupils from these areas may further increase the school roll and provide greater security for the school in the longer term. I would be strongly opposed to any consideration of extension into the Grandtully Primary School area.

In relation to your department's second proposed option for the school of "do nothing". Rural school rolls are open to significant fluctuation as neighbouring school Grandtully has proven over the last two years. Whilst I strongly support the school remaining open through the do nothing option, I would prefer it if other options were explored to see if the school roll could be made more viable in the short and long term. In addition to the possible catchment extensions as outlined above, I believe that Logierait would benefit massively from an early years provision.

With regards to your third proposed option of "Consider closing Logierait Primary School - pupils move to a neighbouring school". I am totally opposed to this option. I do not believe

that the Council should be even considering closure at the first stage of options. The Council should be looking to support and grow our rural schools and by extension those communities and their economies. I believe the option of closure should be ruled out.

Further Option - Nursery

I am strongly of the view that the best way to grow Logierait Primary Schools roll is to include a nursery provision within the school. The ground floor classroom would seem like the ideal base for a nursery provision. If the Council is unwilling to provide an early years provision directly, then there are other options that could be explored. As I set out in an email to ECS on 30th August 2018, a community charity could lease the ground floor classroom from the Council and raise the funds to undertake the renovations required to create an age and stage appropriate facility. This could include a separate secure side access so that it doesn't create any safeguarding issues with the school itself and there would be the option for the young children to utilise some of the extensive grounds. The community charity could either directly run the nursery itself or could sub-lease the fitted nursery to a private provider to provide a provision on it's behalf. A third sector/private provision would have the added benefit to parents by allowing them to access wraparound care for under 3s and school age children all in the same location as their child's school/future school. A nursery provision would also help feed the school roll, making it more sustainable in the future. As can be seen from the local example in Blair Atholl, a strong nursery that feeds the Primary 1 class generally leads to an increased roll, and in the case of Blair Atholl effectively doubled the school's roll in five years and it is now above 70%. This is a credible option that the Council should consider.

The School

Logierait Primary School is an excellent small rural school with fantastic community engagement. It's butterfly project and regular entries into national competitions offer its pupils a wonderful learning opportunity they would often not be able to experience in a larger school. The school community has regularly been described as "a family" by parents to me, and this has been abundantly clear to me any time I have visited the school in my capacity as the local councillor. The local Ballinluig Bleathers group is another great example of intergenerational involvement facilitated with the school. Whilst some children may excel in a larger school, many do not, often those who require additional support. We must not remove rural parent's ability to choose the type of school they want to send their child to. The children will also suffer from having to travel further to school, and in the case of those children who currently live in walking distance would have to travel using school transport – further extending their day from a young age. To close this school would be of significant detriment to all those involved in my view.

The Community

The Ballinluig area is thriving economically with significant investment by House of Bruar for example who're currently extending their already large warehouse and online sales department based in the community. Considerable amounts of capital being spent in the area. House of Bruar already struggles to recruit enough workers locally and is having to bus workers in from out with the area to keep its operation going. Businesses chose to operate from Ballinluig because it's well connected for the A9, and has good local services including the good local school. Many of the new workers coming to work in the area would settle in the local community if there were was more affordable housing available. If the Council were to close Logierait Primary School the local businesses will face even greater struggles to recruit staff and we will likely see even further de-population of young people from the community. The Council should be actively looking to support this kind of positive rural economic development and try and prevent further depopulation from the Highland

Perthshire area by building more rural affordable housing which is seriously lacking. The Council has let down our rural communities as it continues to focus its investment and ambition towards Perth.

Next Stage

As I stated in my email to you on 9th September 2018 I am totally opposed to any consideration of Logierait and Grandtully as a single paper. The vast majority of children in the catchments of both schools would not go to the other should one of them close. Geographically speaking the vast majority of the Logierait PS catchment is in and around the Ballinluig area, which is closer in travel time to Pitlochry PS than it is to Grandtully PS and the communities around Ballinluig have a much closer affinity to the Pitlochry community, with many working there as the major local employment centre as well as accessing GP services, supermarkets etc. Grandtully PS similarly is closer to Breadalbane PS and the Grandtully & Strathtay communities have stronger links to Aberfeldy and generally access more services from West Highland Perthshire, including sharing a linked parish. Grandtully and Strathtay are a fairly affluent community within Highland Perthshire, compared with Ballinluig which is less affluent area. Given the differences between these two communities and the small number of houses in the area between the two schools it would not seem reasonable in my view to consider these two schools together as mostly all they share is a catchment boundary in the middle of some fields.

Conclusion

In summary, I am totally opposed to the closure of Logierait Primary School. The area is booming economically and requires the Council to invest and enable rural affordable housing in the area to allow younger people and families to move into the area. The school provides an excellent education to the children attending, many of whom have written about how great their school is. The Council should support the school by either directly providing or allowing a nursery provision to be installed in the school. This would help make the school more sustainable in the long term.

Yours sincerely
Councillor Xander McDade
Ward 4, Highland

To Perth and Kinross Council Lifelong Learning Committee

I go to school at Logierait
And I'm really in a state
Cos you might close our lovely school

There is 16 of us here
And we all have a fear
That you might close our lovely school

Our Headteacher is Mrs Barr
And she might be a star.
She plays piano and she sings
And does lots of clever things
So please don't close our lovely school

The other teachers too
Are very good in what they do
They teach us to read and write and add
So it would be very sad
If you closed our lovely school

Our janni through the day is never seen
But he keeps our classroom clean
So please don't close our lovely school

We have a classroom free
So we can start a nursery
Please, please don't close our lovely school

Our schools got everything you see
And its got me
And I'm XXXXX
And I want to be here till I'm XXXXX
So please don't close our lovely school.

From XXXXX

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