



Minute of Meeting held in
Sgoil an Taobh on
Thursday 14 November
2013 at 5.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Catriona Stewart
Cllr Kenneth M Murray
Mr Peter Carpenter
Mr Donald A Macleod
Mr Iain G Smith
Ms Lesley McDonald
Two parents and members of the
public

CATCHMENT AREA MEETING – SGOIL AN TAOBH SIAR

Catriona Stewart: Good evening everybody and welcome to the meeting where we are going to talk about the proposal to revise the catchment area for Lionel School and Sgoil an Taobh Siar in the Island of Lewis. My name is Catriona Stewart. I am Chair of Education and Children's Services and with me I have Miss Lesley McDonald, Head of Executive Office, Mr Peter Carpenter, Director of Education and Children's Services and Mr Donald Macleod who is the Learning Community Principal for this area.

I am sure everybody here has had an opportunity to look at the document and I will pass over to Miss McDonald who will give a brief synopsis of the procedure.

Lesley McDonald Thank you Chair. The purpose of this consultation document is to look at amending the catchment areas of Lionel School and Sgoil an Taobh Siar to make very slight amendments to reflect some anomalies which have arisen as a result of the new schools having been built. The statutory process is outlined in the Report. We have to be out to consultation with parents and members of the public for at least 30 school days and the note of this meeting together with any representations received will go to Education Scotland who will then prepare a Report and the Comhairle will look at this next April. In the event that it chooses to make this decision, as I look for the right page of the documentation, that decision would be made on the 24 April 2014. I am happy to take any questions as to the procedure.

Catriona Stewart Thank you Miss McDonald. Mr Carpenter so you wish to add any words at this stage?

Peter Carpenter A small word, thank you Chair. The consultation has come about as Miss McDonald has indicated because there are a small number of cases where the catchment area of the school results in pupils travelling to schools a distance from their own home when there is actually a closer school available. Consultation processes are about making sure that the proposed changes help those families but we also need to make sure that when

making any changes we don't adversely affect the arrangements for current and future pupils of either school. We have passed the proposal document around to parents and families. We are keen to listen to your views about the proposals or perhaps any questions that you may have. Thank you.

Catriona Stewart

Thank you Mr Carpenter, I'll open up for any questions that anybody may wish to have.

Well, seeing as there are no questions I'll just say that the Comhairle will take into consideration any written or electronic submissions on the proposal up to 5pm on Wednesday 11 December 2013. The representations can be made to Mr Burr the Chief Executive either in writing to Sandwick Road or to schoolconsultations@cne-siar.gov.uk and thank you for your attendance at this evening's meeting.