Skipness Public Consultation Meeting

Skipness Village Hall
10 November 2021

Panel:
Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, Policy Lead for Education
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director
Louise Connor, Head of Education: Learning and Teaching
Jen Crocket, Head of Education: Lifelong Learning and Support

Officers
Simone McAdam, Education Officer
Graeme McMillan, Solicitor
Fiona Ferguson, Directorate Support Officer
Laura Blackwood, Directorate Support Officer

Councillor Anne Horn
8 members of the Public

Councillor McNeilly opened the meeting and outlined the background to the proposal. Mr Hendry advised that the meeting tonight is to gather views on the proposal to close Skipness Primary School and realign its catchment area to Tarbert Primary School. A presentation then followed and questions from the audience were invited.

Question

Why is the date of closure December 2022?

Panel Response
The Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 legislation sets out the requirements which the council follows and this includes the time frames for reports to be produced and agreed by the council and Education Scotland.

The 1st December 2022 date allows for this process to be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the legislation.

Question

What would happen if there was a lack of capacity in Tarbert Primary School?

Panel Response

There is capacity in the school building at the moment and we

There is concern re