



## **Review of Non-denominational education provision in Maybole**

**Points Raised at Cluster Workshop on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
(29 people in attendance)**

**Exercise 1:** Group discussion 10 minutes – discuss the issues that exist with the present arrangements and record these below:

- Condition of school buildings.
- Provision for future – ICT – are schools fit for purpose.
- Not enough space in schools.
- Budgets small.
- Children educated within own community.
- Travel – dangerous.
- Survival of small communities.
- Do they need 2 schools in Maybole.
- School Estate – importance to communities.
- Quality of the school estate.
- Mix of age-groups within campus.
- Underused schools – need to rationalise.
- Denominational and non denominational education should be considered together.
- Schools are under populated – is this efficient.
- Primary schools in the catchment area have disparity in facilities.
- Theme is limited land available centrally for a new school building in Maybole.
- The High Street is so busy that crossing it to get to one school would constitute a significant risk and would face great opposition.
- Bypass issue re travelling/walking through town.
- Clarity re rural schools remain.
- Capacity and occupancy not paramount.
- How quickly will C's become D's in school condition.
- Maintaining good condition of rural schools.
- Loss of potential pupils – schooled outwith catchment area.
- Transport – 'after schools activities' – poorer participation – from rural areas due to lack of suitable transport.
- Dalrymple feeder school – to be maintained and not 'transferred to East Ayrshire and Doon Academy.
- Social impact to maintain Primary Schools in Rural Areas.

**Exercise 2:** Group discussion 10 minutes – discuss the potential solutions/improvements that can be made to address the issues and record these below:

- Bypass would make journey safer for parents with buggies going to Nursery.
- Possible site at Ladyland Road – more central (purchase land behind) one way system for buses in Ladyland Road (all traffic).
- Inclusion of supporting agencies situated in campus e.g. police, health etc.
- New site 3-18 campus – Maybole.

- Include denominational school within campus.
- New site for school.
- Sustainability of rural schools – continued investment.
- New campus encompassing community facilities.
- Clear demarcation within campus.
- Suggest St Cuthberts move to Gardenrose to form a campus. None of this should happen until the bypass is built.
- A one campus approach should be considered for the 3 primary schools in Maybole.
- This review should openly discuss and consider all potential solutions giving citizens the opportunity to comment and express all views.
- Investigate all potential sites within consideration being given to travel and walk to school arrangements.
- A bypass would resolve many planning and land use issues in Maybole.
- Maintain programme.
- More money.
- More 'good news' storied for Carrick Academy improvements.
- Raise profile.
- Hold on to Dalrymple.
- Maintain rural Primary Schools and remaining open!! - do not close rural schools.

**Exercise 3:** Group discussion 10 minutes – discuss how the potential solutions/improvements can be made and record these below:

- Rural – continue to invest – commit to rural schools.
- Re-modelling of current academy or new build – designed as a community facility.
- Designed to ensure physical separation of different age groups.
- It may be necessary in the long term to build a new primary school central (as can be) to the town.
- A wide and open consultation giving a regular stream of information and facts and allowing comment on issues as they arise.
- Use of Ayrshire Post etc – Local Media – promote profile. Apply for energy efficient changes to buildings/buses link from Maybole website to include Carrick link.