

Minard Big Conversation July 2025

Minard Primary – what next?

Argyll and Bute Council have formally closed Minard Primary School and have now started the formal process of formally declaring the school and grounds as surplus before moving to disposal.

West Loch Fyne Community Council were notified of this with a two week deadline for any community interest in the school to be declared. Minard Community Trust has expressed interest to enable a conversation to take place regarding potential future community interest in taking on the school, schoolhouse and grounds.



The land to the front and right of the school (red outline) is owned by Minard Community Trust.

The green outline on the map is the approximate area the Council is planning to declare surplus.

The buildings on the site comprise the school and associated schoolhouse. The school has one large classroom, an office and toilets.

The Scottish Land Fund can help the community finance the purchase. There needs to be a good business case to support an application for funding.

There is a burden on the title deeds for the school and community owned land relating to the original donation by the Lloyd family. We have asked the Council to identify a contact at the Trust who agreed to adjust the burden on the community land in 2006.

There are several options for the community to consider.

1	Purchase the school, schoolhouse and grounds. Renting out the schoolhouse could earn a basic income. What would the school room and office be used for? What would the grounds be used for?
2	Lease the school, schoolhouse and grounds from the Council. A lower risk option to test the viability of community plans for ongoing sustainability of the site. The lease would not allow for a tenant in the schoolhouse which would restrict options to earn income
3	Decide not to take on the school and allow the Council to sell the site and retain the community owned land as a garden.
4	Decide not to take on the school and allow the Council to sell the site including the community owned land to generate a one off income for the community
5	Use the community owned land to influence potential decisions by the Council – for example testing whether donating the land could help secure an option to develop social housing on the site.

If the community wants to take on the school, who will step forward to help manage the process to acquire the site and secure ongoing management?