

The Highland Council

Skye, Ross and Cromarty Area Committee – 19 November 2014

Agenda Item	9
Report No	SRC/039/14

Street Naming – Developments in Alness, Conon Bridge and Tain

Report by Head of Policy and Reform

Summary

The Area Committee is asked to homologate the naming of streets in new developments in Alness and in Conon Bridge and to approve a proposed street name in Tain.

1. Background

1.1 The Council's Corporate Address Gazetteer (CAG) team within the Development & Infrastructure Service was asked to create addresses for the following locations:

- 4 streets north of Obsdale Primary School, Alness;
- two separate developments in Conon Bridge
- A new road off Craighill Terrace, Tain where the new Care Home, Innis Mhor, is situated.

1.2 Under the Scheme of Delegation the naming of new buildings and streets within the Council's control falls within the remit of the Area/City Committee. However in the case of the Alness and the Conon Bridge developments the requirement for street names was urgent to enable mortgage applications to be processed for prospective residents. The street naming was therefore completed after local consultation and has been brought to the Area Committee for homologation.

2. Consultations

2.1 Alness - There was extensive consultation with the Alness Community Council in relation to the Alness development. A number of potential names were put forward, some building on the stem of a nearby development. However, based on advice from the CAG team, Ward Members and the chair of Alness Community Council supported the naming the 4 streets as: Birch Road; Hawthorn Place; Larch Crescent; Rowan Drive.

Members are asked to homologate these new street names.

2.2.1 Conon Bridge – For two of the streets, following a competition held in Ben Wyvis Primary School, the developer submitted names to the Community Council. For the remaining four streets the Conon Bridge Community Council was asked to consider suitable names.

2.2.2 Conon Bridge Community Council put forward six names for Local Members to further consider:

- Street 4 – Barley Row (*winner P5 pupil who chose the name as the field was previously used to grow winter barley*)
- Street 5 – Rowan Drive
- Street 6 – Larch Road
- Street 7 - Sku dal Street (*winner P2 pupil who chose the name as it relates to the Old Norse name for Conon Bridge*)
- Street 8 – Heather Court
- Street 9 – Broom Court

2.2.3 Members are asked to homologate these new street names.

2.3 Tain - Local Ward Members and Tain Community Council were consulted on the naming of the new road off Craighill Terrace, Tain. The new Care Home located there has been named 'Innis Mhor' and Ward Members and the Community Council agreed that the road should be called Innis Mhor Road. Members are recommended to approve this as the new street name.

3. Implications

3.1 There are no Resource, Legal, Gaelic, Equalities, Climate Change/Carbon Clever or Risk implications.

Recommendation

The Area Committee is invited to:

- homologate the naming of the roads in Alness and Conon Bridge developments as noted in the report;
- approve the naming of the new street in Tain as Innis Mhor Road

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