

**AGENDA ITEM 8
REPORT NO. LA/18/17**

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Lochaber Area Committee

Date: 22 August 2017

Report Title: Street Naming – Homologation of the name MacBrayne Apartments for new flatted development, High Street, Fort William.

Report By: Depute Chief Executive / Director of Corporate Development

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out a request from the Development and Infrastructure Service to create a block address for a new flatted housing scheme consisting of 12 units at the former Whisky and Craft Centre site, High Street, Fort William.
- 1.2 The proposal put forward by the developer used the 'MacBrayne' name after the MacBrayne's Garage which occupied the site some years ago. Permission to use the name was granted by Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd who own the Caledonian MacBrayne trading name. Members supported the proposal of MacBrayne Apartments to allow the developer to move ahead in a timely manner, resulting in this report coming to the Lochaber Committee for homologation.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:

- i. Homologate the naming of a new flatted housing block at the former Whisky and Craft Centre, High Street, Fort William.

3 Information

- 3.1 The Council's Corporate Address Gazetteer (CAG) team within the Development and Infrastructure Service were asked to create addresses for a flatted housing development consisting of 12 units.
- 3.2 Ward Members considered the proposal, MacBrayne Apartments - Flataichean Mhic a' Bhriuthainn (Gaelic) put forward by the developer. As the name was in keeping with former business activity on the site, Members were content to support the proposal.
- 3.3 As per Scheme of Delegation the final decision on Street and Building naming is delegated to the Area/City Committees. However to allow the developer to progress in a timely manner the naming request was considered by Ward Members earlier, resulting in this report coming to the Lochaber Committee for homologation.

4. Implications

- 4.1 There are no Resource, Legal, Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural), Climate Change/Carbon Clever or Risk implications.

Gaelic – the street signs will be bilingual; and so promote the use of Gaelic.

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Background Papers: None