

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Lochaber Area Committee

Date: 17 January 2018

Report Title: Street Naming – Homologation of building names for Highland Council redevelopments, namely Charles Kennedy Building and Alexander Ross House and two new street names serving new housing sites namely Hostel Brae and Kirk Side.

Report By: Head of Policy and Reform

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1** This report sets out a request from the Chief Executive's Office for the re-naming of two redundant buildings which will accommodate new Council Offices and partner services. It also sets out requests from the Corporate Address Gazetteer team (CAG) to create new street names for two separate housing developments consisting of 2 properties in Kinlochleven and six properties in Duror. All developments lie within Ward 21 (Fort William and Ardnamurchan).

2. Recommendation

- 2.1** Members are asked to homologate the naming of two buildings under redevelopment located in Achintore Road, Fort William and two street names serving new housing developments located in Kinlochleven and Duror, namely Charles Kennedy Building, Alexander Ross House, Hostel Brae and Kirk Side.

3. Information

- 3.1** As per the 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.
- 3.2 Former Secondary School site, Achintore Road, Fort William** - this site is being redeveloped and will house new Council offices, Service Point and the Department of Work and Pensions. Elected Members agreed the building would be renamed Charles Kennedy Building in memory of the late Charles Kennedy who was an MP between 1983 and 2015 latterly representing the Ross, Skye and Lochaber constituency. The use of the Kennedy name is supported by the family.
- 3.3 Former Fort William Primary School, Fort William** - this building sits alongside Charles Kennedy Building and is currently being redeveloped. It will provide an archive, records store and partner services. Elected Members agreed the building would be renamed Alexander Ross House after the architect Alexander Ross who designed both former school buildings on the site.
- 3.4 New housing development, Kinlochleven** - the Developer proposed the street name 'Svarga' for the new development initially serving 2 properties. Following investigation during the consultation process it transpired there was an existing road already serving the properties known informally, locally by the name of 'Hostel Brae'. In discussion with the developer, Community Council and Ward Members it was agreed it was more appropriate to formally establish the name Hostel Brae as this was already being used by the existing and new properties served by the road.
- 3.5 New housing development, Duror** - the Developer proposed the name Sgorr Dhonuill View for the new development serving 6 properties. The Community Council did not feel this appropriate and counter proposed the name Kirk Side, reflecting the location of the development. This alternative was supported by the developer and Ward Members.

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4.1 Implications

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