

Agenda Item	10
Report No	RC/5/18

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Ross and Cromarty

Date: 31 January 2018

Report Title: **Street Naming – Multiple sites**

Report By: Carron McDiarmid, Head of Policy and Reform, Ward Management

1. **Purpose/Executive Summary**

1.1 The Committee is asked to homologate the naming of streets and flatted developments in four locations as outlined in the report.

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Recommendation

2.1 Members are asked to homologate the following names for new developments:

- Alastair Munro Court for a new flatted development of 10 properties in Aness.
- Braeside Court for a new flatted development of 10 properties in Muir of Ord.
- MacRae Park and Westfield Gardens for a new housing development of 54 properties in Muir of Ord
- Belmaduthy Gardens for a new housing development of 20 properties in Munlochry

3. Background

- 3.1 The Council's Corporate Address Gazetteer (CAG) team within the Development and Infrastructure Service was asked to create addresses for Housing developments consisting of:
Ward 6, Alness - A flatted development of 10 properties on land between Lindleybank and Obsdale Road, Alness
Ward 8, Muir of Ord – A flatted development of 10 properties on land at the old school house, Corry Road, Muir of Ord
Ward 8, Muir of Ord – Housing development of 54 properties on land at Broomhill Farm, Plots 4A and 4B, Muir of Ord
Ward 9, Munloch - Housing development of 20 properties, land at Brae Farm (phase 4), Munloch
- 3.2 Under the scheme of delegation the naming of new buildings and streets within the Council's control falls within the remit of the Ross and Cromarty Committee.
- 3.3 As per the Scheme of Delegation the final decision on Street and Building Naming is delegated to the Local/City Committees. However, as the properties were complete, nearing completion or requiring urgent naming for the establishment of services the naming requests were considered a matter of urgency and brought before Ward Members, resulting in this report coming to the Ross and Cromarty Committee for homologation.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 The respective Community Councils and Ward Members considered the suggestions put forward by developers or were asked to propose appropriate names if the developer had not put forward a proposal. The following names were subsequently agreed upon:
- 4.2 Ward 6 – Alness Community Council – the developer (Pat Munro's) did not propose any name for this development. Local Members (excluding Cllr Pauline Munro who declared an interest) and the Community Council unanimously agreed that the development should be named Alastair Munro Close to commemorate Mr Alastair Munro, former Managing Director of Pat Munro's who passed away in September 2017. Mr Munro was a great supporter of many local causes and events, especially the Bowling Club where he served as president for several years and oversaw the building of a superb new clubhouse facility. He was also an ardent follower of Ross County Football Club; he made significant annual contributions to their youth development programme.
- 4.3 Ward 8 – land at the old school house, Corry Road, Muir of Ord - Muir of Ord Community Council – the developer proposed the name of Braeside Court. The Community Council made a counter proposal of Old School Court as they wished to see a better reflection of the historical connection to the site in the street name. The Community Council's counter proposal was agreed by all parties.
- 4.4 Ward 8 – land at Broomhill Farm, plots 4A and 4B, Muir of Ord – Muir of Ord Community Council. The development required 2 names which were

proposed by the developer of Westburn Park (4A) and Westfield Gardens (4B). The Community Council made a counter proposal of MacRae Park for plot 4A. This was in recognition of the late Dan MacRae who was a previous Chair of the Community Council and 'stalwart' of the village. The use of this name is supported by the family. The Counter proposal of MacRae Park for plot 4A was fully supported by the developer and Elected members along with the developers proposal of Westfield Gardens for plot 4B by the Community Council and Local Members.

- 4.5 Ward 9 – land at Brae Farm, phase 4, Munloch – Knockbain Community Council. The developer did not propose a name for the street. The Community Council proposed the name Belmaduthy Gardens and this was fully supported by Local Members. This name is a reference to the Gaelic connection to the township of Duthac the ruins of who's Church is at Easter Suddie just outside Munloch and this new development.

5. Delegation to Area Committee

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6. Implications

- 6.1 There are no Resource, Legal, Equalities, Climate Change/Carbon Clever, Rural, or Risk implications. The street signs will be bilingual and so promote the use of Gaelic.

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