

Agenda item	11
Report no	RC/043/19

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Ross and Cromarty Committee

Date: 6 November 2019

Report Title: Street Naming – Alness, Dingwall and Culbokie

Report By: Executive Chief Officer – Communities and People

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report asks Members to approve street names for new developments in Alness, Dingwall and Culbokie.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to approve

- 2 new street names for a development in Alness as Broom Crescent and Bracken Road;
- 2 new names for a flatted development in Dingwall as Morganti House and Ross Buildings; and
- 1 new street name for a development in Culbokie as Baluachrach.

3. Implications

3.1 Legal – none.

Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) - the local community have been consulted on the naming proposals.

Climate Change/Carbon Clever - none

Risk – none

Gaelic - the street signs will include the Gaelic translation and so support Gaelic.

4. Street Naming Process

- 4.1 Under the scheme of delegation, the naming of new buildings and streets within the Council's control is within the remit of the Ross and Cromarty Committee. However, to help improve the process in terms of efficiency for all parties, a revised procedure is being trialled. Where a request is being dealt with under the pilot, the Ward Manager has briefed the affected Ward Members and Community Council on the revised procedures prior to the formal naming request being made.
- 4.2 During the pilot any names agreed will still be required to be homologated or approved at the relevant Committee as per the current scheme of delegation.
- 4.3 Ward Managers will provide a separate briefing to Members on the outcome of trials prior to any request being made to revise the scheme.

5. Street naming requests:

5.1 Ward 6

Alness - 2 new street names are required for a development west of Milnafua House, Old Milnafua Road, Alness. The developer, Tulloch Homes, suggested the names Whitehills View Crescent and Whitehills View Road. However, in line with Government guidance, the use of stem names is not advised. These suggestions were therefore not accepted. The request was dealt with under the new procedural pilot.

The Community Council in collaboration with Members were asked to propose 2 new names. The proposed names are: Broom Crescent and Bracken Road. Members are asked to approve these names for the new development.

5.2 Ward 8

Dingwall – 2 new street names are required for a new flatted development in Dingwall. The developer, The Highland Council, suggested the names Morganti Court (phase 1) and Ross Court (phase 2). The gazateer team recommended the use of 'House' or 'Buildings' as a more appropriate suffix for a flatted development. Dingwall Community Council considered the request with Ward Members and agreed the names Morganti House and Ross Buildings.

Members are asked to approve the names Morganti House and Ross Buildings for the flatted development.

5.3 Ward - 9

Culbokie - 1 new street name is required for a 39 unit new housing development on land North of the Cairns, Culbokie. The developer, Tulloch Homes, suggested the name Glascairn Meadows.

The Community Council in collaboration with Members were asked to consider the request using the new process on trial. Ferintosh Community Council decided to instigate a two-stage consultation regarding the street name with residents in the eastern part of their Community Council area. The first part of the consultation sought alternative name suggestions, the second put a shortlist to voting. The most favoured name by residents was Baluachrach. The name being taken from Gaelic meaning 'upper town'.

Members are therefore asked to approve the name Baluachrach for the new housing development.

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