

The Highland Council
Lochaber Area Committee
27 February 2014

Agenda Item	16
Report No	LA/13/14

Street naming – Renaming of existing road, Hillside Estate, Fort William

Report by Acting Head of Community and Democratic Engagement

Summary

The Area Committee is asked to homologate the naming of the road between Argyll Road and Loch View as Heathercroft Road to standardise the addresses that take access from this road.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council's Corporate Address Gazetteer (CAG) Team within the Planning and Development Service was asked by concerned residents to formulate a solution which would address the inconsistencies with addresses which take access from the road officially named as 'Hillside Estate' but which is also known as 'Argyll Road' or locally known as 'Heathercroft' Road.

2. Consultations

- 2.1 The CAG team determined that there were three options open to residents;
- 1) for consistency, leave the addresses and postcodes as they currently are;
 - 2) consider renaming the whole road including the cul-de-sac
 - 3) consider renaming the road between Argyll Road and Loch View only (proposed name Heathercroft Road or another name).
- 2.2 Residents were contacted in the first instance by the CAG team to determine their solution preference. The response rate was low and could not determine a consensus view.
- 2.3 The Ward Manager was then contacted to assist the CAG team in consulting with Fort William Community Council and Local Members.
- 2.4 Following discussions, Fort William Community Council undertook to contact all affected residents again. This resulted in a higher response rate and enabled the Community Council to determine that the preference was to rename the road between Argyll Road and Loch View as Heathercroft Road (as per option 3). The properties to be included in this determination are outlined in the map at the end of this report.

2.5 Ward 22 Members supported the solution proposed and the street name of 'Heathercroft Road' as recommended by the Ward Manager and put forward to the Ward Business meeting on the 3rd February 2014.

3. Delegation to Area Committee

3.1 As per the Scheme of Delegation the final decision on Street and Building Naming is delegated to the Area/City Committees. However, as property owners were experiencing difficulties with deliveries and visitors finding their premises, the matter was considered a matter of urgency and was brought before Ward Members, resulting in this report to the Area Committee for homologation.

4. Implications

4.1 New signage will cost £591.46 which will be met by Ward 22 ward discretionary funds.

4.2 There are no other Legal; Equalities; Climate Change/Carbon Clever; or Risk implications.

Recommendation

The Area Committee is invited to homologate the naming of the road area between Argyll Road and Loch View as 'Heathercroft Road'.

Designation: Acting Head of Community and Democratic Engagement

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