

The Highland Council

Ross and Cromarty Committee – 3 August 2016

Street Naming – Multiple Sites

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Development

Agenda Item	4
Report No	RC/019/16

Summary

The Committee is asked to approve the proposed name for a new housing development in Invergordon and to homologate the naming of streets and flatted developments as follows:

- Invergordon Dewdale Court (3 house and 16 flat development)
- Novar Road, Alness – Bridgend Court (street)
- North Kessock 5 – Farmhouse Court (flatted development), Sgriodan Crescent (circular street) and Tor Gorm Road (entry road)
- Gospel Hall site, Dingwall – MacGillvray Court (flatted development)

1. Background

1.1 The Council's Corporate Address Gazetteer (CAG) team within the Development and Infrastructure Service was asked to create addresses for Housing developments consisting of:

- 19 properties, High Street, Invergordon
- 6 properties, Novar Road, Alness
- 40 properties, North Kessock 5 site
- 4 properties, Gospel Hall site, Dingwall

1.2 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.

2. Consultation

2.1 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:-

- **Ward 7, Invergordon Community Council** – the developer did not propose any names. Names put forward for Community Council consideration after consultation with Ward Members included the names of 4 battleships associated with Invergordon (HMS Centurion, HMS Hood, HMS Nelson and HMS Valiant), one Royal Fleet Auxiliary Vessel

(Dewdale) and the final proposed option was Victoria, suggested as the name of the garage which previously occupied the site was Victoria Garage. The Community Council preference was Dewdale Court.

- **Ward 7, Alness Community Council, Novar Road site: Bridgend Court** - the developer suggested two potential names: Bridgend Court and Goodwins Court. Alness Community Council and Members all supported the name Bridgend Court.
- **Ward 10, Knockbain Community Council – North Kessock 5 site: Farmhouse Court, Sgriodan Crescent (*takes its name from the burn that flows through the development*) and Tor Gorm Road** - the names were put forward by the Community Council. There were no proposals from the developer. Members supported the Community Council's suggested names.
- **Ward 9, Dingwall Community Council – Gospel Hall site: MacGillvray Court** - the developer proposed the name of Gospel Court however the Community Council proposed an alternative name in recognition of George MacGillivray who was latterly the mainstay of the Gospel Hall and at the time of his death the oldest person in Dingwall at 105 years old. The Ward Members supported the name MacGillvray Court.

3. Delegation to Local Committee

As per the Scheme of Delegation the final decision on Street and Building Naming is delegated to the Local/City Committees. However, with the exception of the Invergordon development, the properties were complete, nearing completion or requiring urgent naming for the establishment of services and the naming requests were therefore considered a matter of urgency and brought before Ward Members, resulting in this report coming to the Ross and Cromarty Committee for homologation. In relation to the Invergordon development the Committee is asked to approve the name Dewdale Close in line with the views expressed by Community Council and supported by Ward Members.

4. Implications

- 4.1 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.

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to approve Dewdale Court as the name for the new Invergordon development and to homologate the naming of streets and flatted developments on the other sites as:-

- Bridgend Court. (Novar Road, Alness)
- Farmhouse Court, Sgriodan Crescent and Tor Gorm Road. (North Kessock 5)
- MacGillvray Court (Gospel Hall site, Dingwall)

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