

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE - 25 OCTOBER 2005

NAMING OF STREETS BY LOCAL COMMITTEES - NEW DEVELOPMENT AT MOORFIELD, KILMARNOCK

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request the Committee to consider street names for a new development at Moorfield, Kilmarnock.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 4 June 1996, agreed that the naming of streets be included within the remit of Local Committees.
- 2.2 Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 gives authority to East Ayrshire Council in relation to naming of streets and the preparation of house numbers etc.
- 2.3 The Local Member, Councillor Iain Linton, and Grange/Howard Community Council, have been informed of the development and requested to put forward suggestions on the names for the streets to this Committee.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 Grange/Howard Community Council have suggested a thematic approach for the new development, with the theme proposal being golf courses. Accordingly, the names Gleneagles Drive, Carnoustie Lane and Lochgreen are suggested for the three streets, marked A, B and C respectively on the attached plan.
- 3.2 Councillor Linton, based on information received from the Kilmarnock No "0" Burns Club and Kilmarnock and District History Group, has suggested the names Old Rome Drive for Street A, Begbie Terrace for B and Lochlea for C, for the following reasons, viz:-
- (i) these names have a Kilmarnock link with Robert Burns;
 - (ii) further names linked with Kilmarnock and Burns are available for street naming as the development progresses; and
 - (iii) Kilmarnock No "0" Burns Club will celebrate its bi-centenary in 2008, and the Worldwide Robert Burns Federation, founded in Kilmarnock in 1885, will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the poet's birth in 2009.
- 3.3 The proposed names have the following significance, viz:-

Old Rome

Old Rome Farm is near the new development, just outside Gatehead. Agnes Brown, mother of Robert Burns, worked at Old Rome when she met William Burns, who was then working as a gardener at nearby Fairlie House. Robert Burns, at one time, sought refuge at Old Rome to avoid the wrath of Jean Armour's father.

Begbie

Begbie's was a tavern, later known as the Angel Hotel, which was situated in Market Lane, across the Kilmarnock Water from Laigh Kirk. It was the meeting place of Kilmarnock No "0" Burns Club.

Lochlea

When the Burns family relocated from Mount Oliphant Farm to Lochlea Farm, near Tarbolton, Robert became closely associated with Kilmarnock.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended:-

- (i) that the Committee consider names for the streets at the new development at Moorfield, Kilmarnock;
- (ii) that the Department of Development and Property Services be advised of the Committee's decision in this regard; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Procedure Note - Naming of Streets by Local Committee.
2. Local Plan of Area.

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