

**Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Section 97
Street Naming and Numbering – Tobermory, Isle of Mull**

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Local authorities have the power to name streets under Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
- 1.2 In the 21st Century many companies insist on accurate addresses to identify property locations before they will provide a service to that property.
- 1.3 Street names are an important part of the address and are used by Royal Mail to allocate postcodes which in turn are used by many online mapping systems and satellite navigations systems to identify a location.
- 1.4 An enquiry received from a resident in Tobermory regarding a street in the town had a knock on effect on other addresses requiring a consultation on all addresses in the Western Road / Strongarbh area of Tobermory.
- 1.5 This report details information on the consultation and the recommendations arising from the representations received.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that three new street names are introduced in Tobermory as follows:
 - The public road from Back Brae to the entrance to Oakfield and Bad-Daraich House is named OAKFIELD ROAD
 - The private lane from the entrance to Oakfield and Bad-Daraich House to Tanera is named BAD DARAICH LANE
 - The public road from Western Road at Ach Na Circe to Strongarbh House is named STRONGARBH ROAD

The proposed names are also shown on the map at Appendix 1.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 An enquiry was received from a resident of Tobermory regarding the naming of a street in the town. Initial investigation indicated that there were different interpretations of the use of the street name "Western Road" in this area and the area to which the locality name of "Strongarbh" has been applied.
- 3.2 To resolve the misinterpretation, five proposals for address changes were identified and an Address Review Report was prepared for consultation with residents affected by the proposals, the four Oban South and the Isles councillors, Mull Community Council and the Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Valuation Joint Board.
- 3.3 Consultations were sent out on 4th October 2013 and the consultation period ended on 25th October 2013.
- 3.4 The following paragraphs describe each proposal and summarise the representations received.
- 3.5 PROPOSAL 1 - Name the public road from Back Brae to the entrance to Oakfield and Bad-Daraich House. Suggested name is Memorial Road as the war memorial is on this road and older residents recall the road being referred to with this name fifty plus years ago. A new postcode would be required.

Addresses would change from:

House Name, Strongarbh, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PR
to:

House Name, Memorial Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull [NEW
POSTCODE]

Properties affected: Bad Daraich House, Darach Beag, Heanish, Maravaig, Oakfield, Seaward, Stronsaule, Tanera, Thurston House, Western Isles Hotel

- 3.5.1 Representations on this proposal were received from 8 of the above 10 properties and the owners of the two building plot to the rear of Bad Daraich House. Views were mixed with some support for Memorial Road but an equal number strongly against the name, some calling it sombre and depressing.
- 3.5.2 Several other names were suggested – Bad Daraich Road, War Memorial Road, Isabella Road and Oakfield Road. Of these alternative names Oakfield Road was favoured by most residents. War Memorial Road was also suggested by more than one owner.

- 3.6 PROPOSAL 1A – In addition to Proposal 1, name the private lane from the entrance to Oakfield and Bad-Daraich to Tanera. Suggested name is Pattullo Lane as this has a family name connection with Bad Daraich House, the first house built in this area. A second new postcode would be required.

Addresses would change from:

House Name, Strongarbh, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PR
to:
House Name, Pattullo Lane, Tobermory, Isle of Mull [NEW
POSTCODE]

Properties affected: Bad Daraich House, Darach Beag, Maravaig, Tanera

- 3.6.1 Representations on this proposal were received from 2 of the above 4 properties and the owners of the two building plots to the rear of Bad Daraich House. Views were mixed with some support for Pattullo Road but an equal number strongly opposed to the name as they could not find any local connection to the name.
- 3.6.2 Several residents on adjacent streets also put forward their views, which generally concurred with the suggestions put forward by the owners.
- 3.6.2 Alternative names suggested were Bad Daraich Lane, Oakfield Lane and Calum's Lane. Bad Daraich Lane was proposed by both residents of the lane who opposed Pattullo Lane.
- 3.7 PROPOSAL 2 – Request that Royal Mail move Park Lodge from postcode PA75 6PR to PA75 6RA. This brings Park Lodge in line with the rest of the properties on Western Road and matches the address on the hotel's website, but not the postcode
- Address would change from:
- Park Lodge, Strongarbh, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PR
to:
Park Lodge, Western Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6RA
- Property affected: Park Lodge
- 3.7.1 No representations were received on this proposal from the affected property.
- 3.8 PROPOSAL 3 – Rename the remaining part of PA75 6PR as Strongarbh Road. These properties would remain on PA75 6PR with the minor address change as below.

Addresses would change from:

House Name, Strongarbh, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PR
to:

House Name, Strongarbh Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75
6PR

Properties affected: Ach Na Circe, Stronbeag, Strongarbh House,
Ulva Cottage, Ulva House

3.8.1 No representations were received on this proposal from
any of the affected properties.

- 3.9 PROPOSAL 4 – Request that Royal Mail move Conival from PA75
6PR to the Erray Road postcode of PA75 6PS to bring it in line
with surrounding properties.

Address would change from:

Conival, Strongarbh, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PR
to:

Conival, Erray Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PS

Property affected: Conival

3.9.1 The owner of Conival contacted the Corporate Gazetteers
Team and this proposal has been implemented to the
owner's satisfaction.

- 3.10 PROPOSAL 5 – Request that the Assessor moves Kilmory
Cottage from Strongarbh Park to Erray Road to bring it into line
with Royal Mail's PAF and the CAG.

Address would change (on Assessor list only) from:

Kilmory Cottage, 2 Strongarbh Park, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75
6RB

to:

Kilmory Cottage, Erray Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PS

Property affected: Kilmory Cottage

3.10.1 No representations were received on this proposal from
the affected property.

- 3.11 Proposals 2, 4 and 5 do not require approval under the Civic
Government (Scotland) Act 1982 as they do not include a Street
Naming and Numbering change. As knock on changes from the
Proposals 1, 1A and 3 these are included in this report for
information only.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The consultation exercise was extremely successful with all representations acknowledging the need for the addressing issues to be resolved and many positive suggestions. Some helpful historical information and context was also provided.
- 4.2 Most representations were received for Proposal 1 – the naming of the road from Back Brae to the entrance to Oakfield and Bad-Daraich House. The proposed name of Memorial Road received approval and disapproval in equal numbers, with some strong opinions against its adoption as a street name. Of the other suggested names put forward Oakfield Road appears to have the most support.
- 4.3 The private lane from the entrance to Oakfield and Bad-Daraich to Tanera in Proposal 1A also attracted equal numbers of residents for and against the suggested name of Pattullo Lane. The name was put forward as a name with local connections but no reference to the name could be uncovered in the Tobermory Burgh and Museum records.
- 4.4 As with the road in Proposal 1, Oakfield was suggested as a name – Oakfield Lane in this case. Bad Daraich Lane was also suggested and seems to have some informal historical precedent.
- 4.5 Proposal 3 is a minor change with no change in postcode for residents and addresses changing from Strongarbh, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PR to Strongarbh Road, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PR
- 4.6 No representations were received on proposal 3 so it has been concluded that there are no objections to the proposal.
- 4.7 There was a strong feeling from many of the residents that the historic link with the oak trees in the fields, where many of these properties are now located, should be used either through the “Oakfield” name or the Gaelic translation of “Bad Daraich”.
- 4.8 Using “Oakfield Road” and “Oakfield Lane” was suggested by several residents but it is not recommended that two similar names are deployed in close proximity as this can cause confusion. Therefore using both “Oakfield” and “Bad Daraich” for the road and lane respectively can maintain the link requested by residents whilst avoiding the similar names.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy – none
- 5.2 Financial – none
- 5.3 Legal – none
- 5.4 HR – none
- 5.5 Equalities - none
- 5.6 Risk – none
- 5.7 Customer Services – improved addresses should improve services and deliveries for the residents of this part of Tobermory.

6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Map of proposed street names

7.0 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- 7.1 Corporate Address Gazetteer, Address Review Report – Western Road / Strongarbh, Tobermory (October 2013)

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Appendix 1 - Map of proposed Street Names

