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**Democratic Services Section
Chief Executive's Department
Belfast City Council
City Hall
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9th October, 2017

MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

In addition to those matters previously notified to you, the following item(s) will also be considered at the meeting to be held at 4.30 pm on Tuesday, 10th October, 2017.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

5. Physical Programme and Asset Management

- (c) Renaming of Clonard Play Park (Pages 1 - 8)

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Subject:	Building Successful Communities – Renaming of Clonard Play Park
Date:	10 October 2017
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department Liam McKinley, City Park Manager (west)

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to make members aware of a request from Clonard Residents Association to name a playground in Springfield Avenue in the Clonard Area Cluain Ard which is the Irish translation of Clonard.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consider the request and, if in agreement with the proposal in principle, a consultation process will be undertaken.

3.0	Main report
3.1	The Council has received a request from the Clonard Residents Association asking that it consent to re-name the Springfield Ave Playground located in the Clonard area, to Cluain Ard Playground which is the Irish form for Clonard. A copy of the request is attached as Appendix 1.
3.2	The Association points out that the name reflects the status of Clonard as part of the Gaeltacht Quarter, and remains consistent with the history and geography of the area. The Association points out that the area has always been known as “Clonard” and has since the late 1890s been dominated with the Monastery as its focal point, having started life as a tin church within the grounds of Clonard House.
3.3	The existing Playground, which has recently been completed to include a floodlit MUGA, is a valuable community resource and offers recreational opportunities for children and young people in an area with few leisure alternatives.
3.4	The Committee is asked to consider the naming of the playground as Cluain Ard to reflect the wider area and to provide continued support to the development of the Gaeltacht Quarter.
3.5	There is currently no overarching policy context either supporting or against the proposed naming. Members will be aware that the Council has adopted a linguistic diversity/language policy which was recently consulted upon. In general terms the policy supports the use, and promotion, of minority languages which must be balanced with, as the consultation responses made clear, the principle of shared space.
3.6	The playground is located within the Gaeltacht Quarter. The Linguistic Diversity policy contains a recommendation to revisit the current dual language street naming policy insofar as it relates to the designated Gaeltacht area. This received no adverse commentary in the consultation responses. The policy on linguistic diversity which was approved by Council in May 2017 and which was subject to consultation supports the proposition on the use of Irish in the context of it being seen primarily by users of Irish and this relates to signage, buildings and other related contexts.
3.7	The current policy relating to naming of facilities requires consultation to be undertaken.

3.8	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Cost for any new signage required will be covered from existing budgets.</p>
3.9	<p><u>Equality and good relations implications</u></p> <p>The draft Linguistic Diversity Policy which went out for consultation was screened for equality and good relations impacts.</p> <p>Appropriate consideration in the context of equality will be given to the consultation response in relation to this particular proposal.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Request from Clonard residents Association

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NIGEL.

Received by

Ref: 94117

08 SEP 2017

City & Neighbourhood
Services Dept.

CLOWARD RESIDENTS ASSOC.
148 SPRINGFIELD RD.
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THIS REQUEST IS IN RELATION TO THE PLAYPARK
LOCATED ON SPRINGFIELD AVENUE IN THE CLOWARD
AREA. TO MY KNOWLEDGE IT WAS NEVER FORMALLY GIVEN
AN NAME. CLAIN ARD IS THE IRISH LANGUAGE
TRANSLATION FOR CLOWARD. WE ALREADY HAVE A
SPRINGFIELD PLAYPARK LOCATED UP THE SPRINGFIELD
ROAD IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE FIRE STATION.

YOURS IN ANTICIPATION
Bea Murray.

CHAIRPERSON OF CLOWARD RESIDENTS ASSOC.

Criteria

To allow us to assess whether your proposed name meets our criteria we would ask that you complete the following sections demonstrating who you meet the criteria.

Current name of park/leisure facility which you wish to (re)name: ✓

Proposed name: CLONARD / CLUAIN ARD PLAYPARK

Complete the following section if your request will memorialise a person

Criteria	Please demonstrate how your request meets the criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The person must have made a "significant contribution" to the life of the area / City / or made a significant positive contribution to parks and leisure objectives within the community where the facility is located. 	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The person must have lived within the locality / District Electoral Area of the Park and Leisure facility 	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The person must have been deceased for a minimum of five years. 	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If person is still alive have they made a significant financial contribution to the improvement / development of the park or facility? 	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the nominee is deceased then appropriate relatives or friends will be contacted asking if they approve of the request. If the relatives or friends do not approve, the naming process will not be pursued. 	✓

- Consultation should include, but not be limited to, nearby residences/businesses, emergency services and other statutory organisations as appropriate.

Timescales

- Sufficient time should be allowed for considered responses from all individuals/groups with an interest in the issue.
- The consultation period should be a minimum of 8 weeks and consideration should be given to holiday periods such as Christmas and Easter with more time being allowed over these periods.
- If consultation takes the form of an event consideration must be given to the date and timing of the events and its convenience to working people, parents with young children, younger people and older people.

Validation of the process

- The applicant will be required to provide contact detail of all those people involved in the consultation process. This information should be obtained with the consent of the person consulted and in such a way so as not to link them to their response.
- The council reserves the right for officers to attend all consultation events such as public meetings or focus groups.

Acceptance levels

- The applicant will have to demonstrate that 66% of the sample i.e. 50% of the catchment area population agrees with the proposed name change.
- People not returning a reply to the questionnaire will be deemed not to be in favour of the name change and a nil response recorded.

Complete the following section if your request relates to a specific unique location

Criteria	Please demonstrate how your request meets the criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The name should provide a sense of place, reflecting the geographic location, community, neighbourhood or street where the park, facility or amenity is located. 	<p>THE SURROUNDING AREA IS KNOWN AS CLONARD, LOCATED WITHIN THE CLONARD ELECTORAL WARD, AND SERVICED BY CLONARD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AND CLONARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The name should reflect the historical significance of the area or reflects unique characteristics of the site (unique flora / fauna). 	<p>AS ABOVE THE AREA HAS ALWAYS BEEN CALLED CLONARD WITH CLONARD MONASTERY AS ITS FOCAL POINT.</p>

Please return completed form to: Nigel Grimshaw
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