



Subject:	Request to rename Flora Street Walkway Play Park
Date:	6th November 2018
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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	Members will be aware that the Committee at its meeting in May 2018 considered the request that had been received from Eastside Partnership to rename Flora Street Walkway Play Park to Friendship Play Park. The purpose of this report is to update Members on the consultation that the applicant has undertaken in relation to the proposed name change.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">agree the request from Eastside Partnership to rename Flora Street Walkway Play Park to Friendship Play Park.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Members are reminded that the Council has an agreed process for dealing with requests to rename a parks and leisure facility and that the Council recently received a request from Eastside Partnership to rename Flora Street Walkway Play Park to Friendship Play Park. Flora Street Play Park was one of the structures that was included within the third phase of the consultative naming process to name six new structures which were being constructed as part of the Connswater Community Greenway. However in August 2017 Committee was informed that a decision had been made to omit the playpark at Flora Street, from the final vote stage of the process after one of the preferred name options had been identified as ineligible in regard to aspects of the Council's naming policy.</p>
3.2	<p>Eastside Partnership has advised the Council that they have asked Maureen Ridgeway to suggest a name for the play park. Maureen was a community youth worker in Avoniel Play Centre for over 30 years and is very well respected in the area. She has suggested the play park be named 'Friendship Play Park' to reflect how the play park and other facilities in the area, such as the play centre, primary school and leisure centre, encourage friendship and play amongst children and young people in the community.</p>
3.3	<p>The proposed name of 'Friendship Play Park' was assessed against the criteria of the naming policy and was deemed to have met it. As part of the process Eastside Partnership was asked to undertake community consultation on the proposed name and a copy of the community consultation is attached as appendix 1. As demonstrated in the report 'Maureen Ridgeway' was the most popular nomination in the original consultation which was undertaken re the six new structures. Eastside Partnership has consulted with a number of community groups in the area and they have all expressed support for the proposed name and feel that the name will support a positive image of the area.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial costs to the Council relating to this request as the applicant will be responsible for meeting the costs in relation to the new signage.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>The request will be screened in line with the Council's processes.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Consultation report on renaming proposal