

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

CHANGE OF HOUSE ADDRESSES AT LETHAM FORFAR

REPORT BY THE

HEAD OF TECHNICAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report considers the proposed change of addresses for a number of existing houses in Letham.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agree to the change of addresses for the houses at Nos. 17 - 24 Vinney Place Letham to Nos. 17 - 24 Dundee Street Letham.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Infrastructure Services Committee of 14 June 2007 approved Report No 525/07 whereby it was agreed that the Head of Roads, in conjunction with the local elected members and the Convener would decide new street names, subject to the proposed name not being contentious.

2.2 Under Section 79 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 a local authority may, after advertising in a newspaper circulating in their area, alter a street name and taking into account any representations thereupon made to them within 28 days after the date of the first publication of the advertisement, alter any such name and give each of the premises in it such distinguishing number as they think fit or alter that number when necessary.

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 There are eight properties in Letham which were constructed in the 1960s as part of a larger development and which are currently addressed as 17 - 24 Vinney Place. These properties are located some distance from Vinney Place and have no link to that road but all have their front doors facing onto Dundee Street.

3.2 One of the residents contacted Angus Council as they considered their property to be addressed as Dundee Street but was having difficulty in getting insurance and other services as the majority of property databases did not recognise their address.

3.3 All of the affected residents were contacted to gauge the likely response to any possible change and it seemed that the majority were agreeable. One resident was however not in favour having lived in their house for many years under the address of Vinney Place.

4 PROPOSALS

4.1 In accordance with the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 the proposal to amend the addresses of the affected properties was published in a newspaper inviting representations.

4.2 Public Notices were erected on lamp columns in the affected length of street and copies of the Public Notice were delivered to each of the eight affected properties advising them of the proposed address amendment as well as details of how and to whom they may object.

4.3 One letter of objection was received and has not been withdrawn.

- 4.4 The objector suggests that it was the local authority's error when the houses were constructed and that to change the addresses would be inconvenient and potentially costly for residents to have to advise various parties of their address change.
- 4.5 The objector also considers that to introduce these house numbers into Dundee Street would be illogical in relation to the current existing house numbers in Dundee Street and would therefore make it difficult for anyone making deliveries to these properties.
- 4.6 It is accepted that the local authority at that time was responsible for the addressing of these properties however if approved Angus Council can assist the residents by informing many of the interested parties of the address change such as Royal Mail, emergency services and public utility companies but it would up to each affected resident to advise friends, doctor, dentist, banks, etc.
- 4.7 It is agreed that the introduction of this group of houses into the existing numbering layout of the properties currently addressed as Dundee Street is not ideal in that the numbering will not flow logically. However I would suggest that their current addressing to Vinney Place is even less logical in terms of its relationship with the remainder of Vinney Place.
- 4.8 Further a number of the residents of these properties are already using Dundee Street as their address with no apparent difficulties. No other concerns or objections to this change of address were raised by any of the other affected residents following the publication of these proposals.
- 4.9 A site layout plan showing the affected properties in relation to Vinney Place and Dundee Street is attached with this Report. (Appendix 1)

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this Report.

6. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Strategic Director - Resources, the Head of Corporate Improvements & Finance, Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Local Police Commander of Tayside Division were consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE: The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this Report :-

Report No 525/07 - Street Naming and Numbering of Premises
Approved by Infrastructure Services Committee of 14 June 2007


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Plan showing the affected properties in relation to Vinney Place and Dundee Street



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