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COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

PROPOSAL TO NAME THE BEECRAIGS FIELD ARCHERY AREA IN MEMORY OF JIM GREIG

REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Council Executive on the survey undertaken to gauge support for the renaming of the Beecraigs Field Archery Area in memory of Jim Greig and approve this proposal.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council Executive approves the proposal to rename the Beecraigs Field Archery Area in Memory of Jim Greig.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; making best use of our resources; working in partnership
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Protocol for the renaming of Council Buildings / Public Spaces
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None
V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	None
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	Cost associated with signage from Property Maintenance Budget

VII Consideration at PDSP

VIII Other consultations Family, Park Users Group, Political Group
Leaders, Ward members, Legal Services

D. TERMS OF REPORT

Background

This report is being presented, in response to a formal request from Cllr Pattle to West Lothian Councils' Chief Executive to consider renaming the Beecraigs Field Archery Area in memory of Jim Grieg, in line with the Councils protocol on the Naming of Existing Council Buildings or Public Spaces. Jim was instrumental in establishing the archery field and worked at Beecraigs for many years. In addition to being the Secretary of Beecraigs Archers, he was Head Coach for the Scottish Field Archery Association and his efforts helped bring field archery to new generations of participants, as well as bringing hundreds of families to Beecraigs Country Park.

The request was determined to be valid by the Chief Executive and following the protocol, a survey was sent to the various stakeholders consulting them on the proposal.

Consultation Outcome

There were 49 participants from the various stakeholder groups (Family, Park User Group, Political Group Leaders, Ward Members and Legal Services).

There was 98% support for the proposal with very many supporting statements from those surveyed. The 2% not in favour reflect one vote. The full results of the survey can be found in Appendix 1 (the 'Political Group Leaders' grouping clearly has some of the other participants who have selected the wrong category).

Assessment

The consultation supports the renaming of the Beecraigs Field Archery Area in memory of Jim Grieg and Council Executive is asked to support this proposal.

Resource

The funding required to erect a sign at the Beecraigs Field Archery Range is to be obtained via the existing property maintenance budget (as outlined in the policy). It is anticipated that this will be no more than £500.

E. CONCLUSION

The survey showed overwhelming support for the renaming of the Beecraigs Field Archery Area.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

[Link to Committee Report regarding the Naming of New or existing Council Buildings or Public Spaces Protocol](#)

Appendices/Attachments: Appendix 1 survey results

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APPENDIX 1. SURVEY RESULTS

Beecraigs Field Archery Range - Name Change Proposal

1. Please tell us who you represent

Number of participants: 49

8 (16.3%): Political
Group Leader

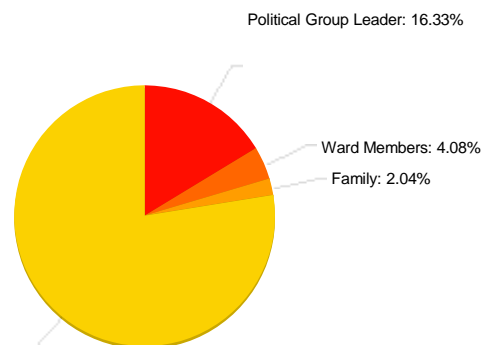
2 (4.1%): Ward
Members

- (0.0%): Legal

Services 1 (2.0%):

Family

38 (77.6%): Park
User Group



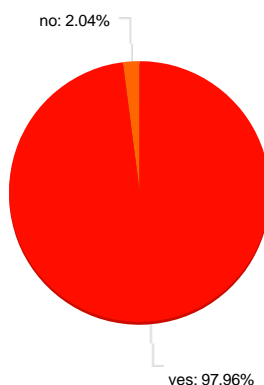
2. Would you support this proposal?

Number of

participants: 49 48

(98.0%): yes

1 (2.0%): no



3. Could you explain why you have made this choice?

Number of participants: 42

- I am a member of Beecraigs archery club and it will be a great for all concerned that it is only right thing to do change the name of the archery range to Honour such a great man as Jim Greig was I whole heartedly support the name change
- No issue with it being changed.
- Jim spent most of his life dedicated to the sport of archery and would always take time to assist new and developing archers without hesitation.
- Jim was responsible for bringing and promoting field archery in Scotland. He has helped many archers achieve their goals and dedicated his life to archery.
- I knew Jim through my membership of Beecraigs Archers and West Lothian Archers over the last 10 years. His enthusiasm, support and advice were critical in encouraging so many archers not only in the local area but also throughout Scotland. Knowing how much Jim did for the sport of archery over a much longer period than I was aware clearly shows how completed committed he was to the sport and his influence in promoting it should be recognised. Renaming the course in honour of Jim would be an appropriate recognition of his significant impact in the sport of archery in Scotland.
- We meet Jim in October 1988 at the Old Beecraigs Field Course and joined the club. He was an outstanding coach and had time for everyone. We became friends and Jim was part of our lives for 32 years. He was also secretary off West Lothian Archers and area coach. Jim was highly regarded by everyone who knew him. Just recently we had a man aged 48 who joined us for a 6 week beginners course and we mentioned Jim and he said " Jim coached me when I was 12 at Beecraigs " Absolutely honoured to be part of this.
- Jim Grieg was instrumental in my son's archery journey and feel it would be a fitting tribute to rename the course in his honour
- Na
- Jim was and forever will be the heart of archery.
- Jim had been a stalwart archer, coach and committee member at local, national and international level and a promoter of archery at all levels for a great number of years.
- As he was fundamental on creation of this facility there could not be a more fitting memorial for him in a place loved
- Was introduced to field archery competitions here and abroad and encouraged by Jim to become a Scottish,UK, European champion as well as a World Indoor Champion and record holder.
- I was lucky enough to have known Jim through archery. People often say how wonderful people are once there dead but Jim was honestly a living legend. Any time you went to the field course he was always there and would be the first to help people who needed help. He dedicated his life to the love of archery. He was responsible for 1000s of people getting to enjoy the sport so he really would deserve this honour
- Jim Greg's key role in establishing and promoting field archery in Scotland is worthy of recognition by associating his name with the archery course where he was so influential.
- I fully support West Lothian Council regarding a request to rename the course in honour of Jim Greig. For his work and support.
- Jim was my first instructor in Scotland, so I can support the renaming.

- I think it would be a fitting tribute to someone who was instrumental in the creation of a sustainable and well-loved part of Beecraigs Country Park. I fully support the renaming of the Archery Field and look forward to hearing the outcome of the process.
- I would love to see this park renamed after Mr Grieg he was a major contributor to the Archery club's and his fantastic knowledge of the sport he gladly shared with all who wanted to learn how to use a bow safely and coach you to competition level.
- Jim Greig is really most deserving of the honour of having the course named after him
- Jim Greig dedicated a great deal of time to both teaching Archery and the upkeep of the outdoor courses.
- A fantastic gentleman sadly missed and what better way to remember him than this
- Jim was a lovely man and a real inspiration to archers in Scotland. He helped coach my son and myself when we first took up the sport. I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to Jim.
- I knew Jim for a number of years and he was an inspiration to so many. He was dedicated to archery and beecraigs was one of HIS courses, both times it existed.
- It feels right that he be remembered in this way. As a member of West Lothian field archers, I was taught to shoot by Jim from an early age and feel he has helped so many in the sport that it is only fitting that such a tribute be made.
- Cause Jim
- As a member of the archery community and having met and known Jim I can think of no better way to honour his achievements in archery than to name a Scottish course after him. Given the time spent as part of Beecraigs archery club it is the perfect club to name in his honour.
- After the years of dedicated support to the sport of Field Archery and to both the Beecraigs and the West Lothian clubs, this would be a fitting tribute.
- I spent time with Jim chatting and shooting at our outdoor field, swinging back and forth on the rocking chairs, and learned of his years of dedication to archery and particularly his local clubs. It would be a very fitting tribute to him.
- As a member of Beecraigs Archers I have seen and heard about Jim's impact on the archery scene also his enthusiasm for the sport. I think it would be fitting to name the course after him.
- I have known Jim since 1973 he was a very good friend and always there to help in anyway his personality shone through a great archer and deserves this proposal I am very honoured to have known him.
- Well regarded fellow
- I knew Jim and it would a fantastic idea to name the course after him
- I think it's important to give meaning to the site and by changing the name in honor of Jim it reminds people of the history and the difference one person can make.
- Jim's long association with both beecraigs and archery would make the renaming a fitting memorial to his memory and his achievements.
- Yes I fully support giving full and ongoing recognition to the life and work of Jim Greig. He was a wonderful man and for decades was Archery in West Lothian. What is available today wouldn't be here without him.
- Because Jim was the man who basically brought Field Archery to Scotland
- It is in recognition of a local man to West Lothian who shared and developed his art with others

4. Do you have any comments with regards to this proposal?

Number of participants: 24

- As the current president of Beecraigs Archer's I think it's a fitting memorial for Jim Greig
- Excellent idea
- It should be granted.
- Jim Greig is field archery in Scotland so it's only fitting that the range should have his name on it So say all of us. Kind regards
- This proposal will be a fitting tribute to a man who spent most of his time at the Archery Range and who I classed as a good friend.
- I wholeheartedly support this proposal and feel it is completely appropriate to recognise Jim's impact on Scottish archery.
- Outstanding tribute to Jim who gave 50 years off his life to archery.
- Na
- I think it's a great idea in recognition off Jim's devotion to our sport and 50 years of dedication.
- Only my wholehearted support.
- Full support.
- No
- Jim was a true gentleman who had time for everyone, young, old, beginner and experienced archer alike. Jim loved archery and had the most wonderful way of sharing his extensive knowledge of the sport. Jim loved to see individuals improve and I'm sure he enjoyed seeing his advice and tutoring assist in this. Jim was a hard worker in making constant improvements and repairs to the course. The best ambassador for archery
- As above
- Yes. Please do it.
- A very fitting tribute to an outstanding member of the area.
- No it the right thing to do
- 100% back this proposal.
- I am so happy for this proposal he would be very honoured by this.
- There is nothing on this page to indicate what the new name would be. I'd be in favour of any option that included both his name and the location. For example, I'd support a new name of "The Jim Greig Field Archery Course at Beecraigs", but wouldn't support "The Jim Greig Field Archery Course"
- None
- No further comment at this time.
- See above
- Beecraigs as the name of the course just trips off the tongue and says it all. You immediately know where it is. Whilst I am supportive of including Jim's name I think that this needs to be done sensitively so that the name 'Beecraigs' is not lost

eg Beecraigs (Jim Greig) Archery Course

An alternative could be to mount a stylish silver plaque in a prominent position saying something like

JIM GREIG

In recognition of his major contribution to the pursuit of local and international archery Dates to be added