ROAD NAMING - L'ARCHE KAPITI, PRIVATE RIGHT OF WAY

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report asks the Community Board to approve one name for the private right of way off Tongariro Street, Paraparaumu belonging to L’Arche Kapiti.

DELEGATION

2. The Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board has the delegated authority to consider this matter under ‘Part D Community Boards’ of the Governance Structure:

   Accepting or rejecting officer recommendations in respect of names for local roads (excluding the former State Highway) and any reserves, structures and commemorative places, in accordance with existing council policy.

BACKGROUND

3. Under Council’s policy, developers are required to submit three name suggestions, in preferential order, for each road to be named, whether it is public or private. The developer (applicant) has only supplied one name for consideration by the Board because the total site will be dedicated to activities complimentary to the L’Arche credo and in their view the right of way should be named to reflect this. The name chosen of “Jean Vanier Way” is in honour of the founder of L’Arche. L’Arche has a spiritual element to its being and they have no other names to offer which would reflect the deep feeling they have on the choice of name.

4. Supplementary information in support of the names is to be provided by the developer (applicant), in writing and this may be consistent themes, historical connections, or names of previous owners. This has been done.

5. The Community Board has a responsibility to ensure that road names are unique to the district. This is for public safety and avoidance of confusion for emergency and utility services, as call centres are often located away from the district.

6. The Community Board may accept the proposed name within the report, or reject the suggested name and request that staff provide alternative names in a subsequent report.

7. The applicant is L’Arche Kapiti (Te Waka Whakaruruahau), which is part of a world-wide organisation caring for the intellectually handicapped and has operated in Paraparaumu under charter to L’Arche International for the past 20 years.
The complete proposed development is for 6 lots, two of which have had specifically designed houses built on them. Development on the remaining 4 lots will occur to meet the developing needs of L’Arche Kapiti, including some office space and off street parking.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Issues

This report refers to the naming of the private right of way that services the 6 lots, owned by L’Arche Kapiti as shown on the attached Appendix.

The name put forward for consideration of “Jean Vanier Way” relates to the L’Arche founder, Mr Jean Vanier. He was an eminent philosopher and founded L’Arche in France in 1964.

The option submitted is acceptable as per Australian/New Zealand Standard rural and urban addressing.

The Secretary of L’Arche Kapiti provided Council with the name of:

Jean Vanier Way – The whole site will be dedicated to activities complimentary to the L’Arche credo and so the name of the private right of way reflects this in honouring their founder.

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy considerations

The Council Road Naming and Street Numbering Policy: 2011 states that the developer (or applicant) must consult with the relevant iwi and historical society representatives, and include their comments in the application and this has been done.

Throughout the process Ngāti Toa Rangatira has been consulted and raised no objections to the suggested name.

The site was blessed in October 2015 and a subsequent blessing ceremony occurred in May 2016 when the two houses were completed.

Anthony Dreaver, a local historian has confirmed his approval of the suggested name, and mentioned the links to the French Catholic traditions already in the area.

Legal considerations

The Council and its Community Boards can name roads, pursuant to Sections 319 and 319A of the Local Government Act 1974.

Financial considerations

The cost of signage is borne by the developer (applicant) as per usual conditions of the Resource Consent.

Tāngata whenua considerations

There are no additional iwi or Treaty of Waitangi issues arising from this report.
SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Significance policy

20 This matter has a low level of significance under Council policy.

Consultation already undertaken

21 The developer (applicant) has engaged with Ngāti Toa Rangatira on the naming process as per Council policy.

Engagement planning

22 An engagement plan is not required to implement this decision.

Publicity

23 There are no publicity issues arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

24 That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board approves the name “Jean Vanier Way” for the new road/private right of way shown in Appendix 1 of Report Corp-17-329.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix 1          Location