

Naming of the New Play Park at Whiterock Close



Introduction

It is the intention of the Friends of Whiterock Play Park to commence public engagement in order to name the new play park.

The local Schools will first be asked to submit ideas for the name of the play park. A panel of judges will then meet to consider the submissions and shortlist to three of the ideas received. The public will then be asked to vote for their favourite. The name with the most votes will win the vote and the proposal to name the Park and will be presented to Belfast City Council for approval.

Overview of Steps

The Friends of Whiterock Play park was set up in October 2016 as a community group interested in protecting and generating positive use of the play park. At the meeting held on 1st December it was discussed and agreed that the group would take forward a process of naming the new play park, in line with Council's naming policy.

Members of the Friends of group initiated engagement with local schools to generate enthusiasm and a connection to the play park: ideas around what the play park might be named as, were sought. This exercise was conducted 21st November to 19th December 2016. Submissions were gathered via

- Postal: Friends of the park, BMET College at 135 Whiterock Road, BT12 7PH
- Email: friendsofthepairc@gmail.com

Step 1: Proposal to Council

A paper to be prepared for People and Communities Department meeting 10th January to outline public consultation steps.

Step 2: Schools/pupils suggestions judged

Nominated panel of judges to meet, 11th January 2017, to consider the ideas submitted via schools engagement.

Step 3: Public vote to decide on name

Names announced to public vote on Thursday 12th January 2017.

Public vote opens Monday 16th January 2017 to determine final name of the play park.

A communication plan will be developed to ensure sufficient opportunity for general public to vote.

Voting closes at midnight on 1st February 2017

A report will be prepared for People and Communities Committee meeting.

Step 4: Report back to People and Communities Committee and Full Council

The outcome of the public vote to be reported to Committee; and if the report is approved, the name to be ratified at subsequent Full Council meeting.

If the name is ratified by Full council, the name will be announced to the public following the Council meeting.