

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cemetery Committee held at the Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold on Monday 24th February, 2020.

PRESENT: Councillors: Chris Bithell (Chair), Teresa Carberry, Anthony Parry, Geoff Matthias
Officers: Town Clerk and Finance Officer and Cemetery Superintendent.
Visitor Claire Halestrap

15. APOLOGIES

Councillors: Tim Maunders, Andrea Mearns, Sarah Taylor and Gareth Williams

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

17. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4th November 2019 be received and approved as a correct record.

18. INFORMATION ARISING

None

19. CEMETERY FOOTPATH

Members were reminded that Harrison Design-Development (HDD) had been appointed to carry out the feasibility for the new access. A site meeting had taken place between Councillors and Harrisons on 20th January, 2020 to evaluate the situation on the ground and with regard to the impact of trees, nearby gravestones and potential access issues.

Claire Halestrap representing Harrisons was present at the meeting to advise on the prepared concept design options for the proposed new access road/upgrading current access. It was agreed that the scheme should include flush kerb edges and feather levels down. Sets/self-binding gravel (hoggin) should be used around tree bases to allow for future tree growth, as it was noted that whilst the issue with roots could be improved the trees will continue to grow. Sets or a hoggin material were relatively easily adjusted in the future at minimal cost compared to asphalt re-surfacing. A separate cost for planting a secondary avenue of trees inboard of the existing trees to provide succession if avenue requires felling in the future was desirable.

HDD had also met with Stuart Body, the Tree Officer of Flintshire County Council who had advised that a new road within the vacant recreation ground would require a 'no-dig' construction.

Members had received and considered the following two options:-

Option 1-New Road

Scheme Description - Remove existing fence panel, build new carriageway between existing trees. New carriageway to run through recreational area and exit through re-modelled new exit. Carriageway to have concrete edging kerbs and be bitumen surfaced.

Option 2-Overlay of Existing Road

Scheme Description - Overlay existing tarmac by 85mm, using a geogrid product to prevent further cracking and movement caused by trees. Pave the area immediately around the tree trunks with tegula paving blocks, which can be lifted and re-laid if there is movement in the future.

The advantages and disadvantages of both options were debated, Members and Officers asked Claire a number of questions about detailed design and possible amendments, including the highway access. The potential costs of the schemes were discussed and it was anticipated that there would be a budget of around £30,000 for the scheme as agreed at the November 2019 Committee meeting and subsequent budget setting Council on 29th January.

(Claire Halestrap left the meeting at this point and was thanked for her attendance by the Chair).

RESOLVED: That

- (i) Option 2 be the agreed proposal in principle;
- (ii) Access and egress be evaluated;
- (iii) The exact design detail to be further examined and agreed prior to the tendering process; and
- (iv) There be a preference for planting a secondary avenue of trees in the vacant recreational area.

20. REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

The Cemetery Superintendent advised the Committee of the number of burials and activities since the last meeting in November. Overall for the financial year the number of burials were similar to 2018/19, although income was up, boosted by many requests from non-residents.

Following the approval of a virement of unspent budget from 2019/20 pension a new lawn tractor, three new bins and new hedging had been acquired with the assistance of the Town Clerk and Financial Officer.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S
CODE OF CONDUCT**

CEMETERY COMMITTEE	DATE: 24/02/2020
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

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Chairman's signature: Date: