

# MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cemetery Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Mold (also by VC) on Monday 25<sup>h</sup> July, 2022.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Haydn Jones, (Mayor), Teresa Carberry, (Deputy Mayor), Paul Beacher, Chris Bithell, Joanna Edwards, Tim Maunders and Sarah Taylor.

Officers: Ian Jones, Town Clerk and Finance Officer and Arfon Williams-Cooke, Cemetery Superintendent.

**ABSENT:** None

## 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Paul Beacher be appointed Chair of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

## 4. MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 be received and approved as a correct record.

## 5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee noted the established Terms of Reference.

## 6. REPLACE FENCING AND 5M STRIP FOR SOIL DEPOSIT

It had previously been agreed to erect a replacement fence and hedge together with a 5M strip for soil deposit due to the limited space to scatter the excess excavated grave spoil, which could not be taken off site except by waste contamination specialists and which was extremely costly. It was estimated that there was 10 tonnes of spoil produced per annum.

Members were informed that the fencing work was now complete and further work was required within the estimated overall of £5K. There remains the acquisition and planting of a new matching hedge to screen the spoil site. With an anticipated cost of £3K to £3.5K. Budget had not been allocated for this work within the general grounds maintenance code but an assumption made that there would be sufficient provision within the overall Cemetery funds – particularly the presently unused allocation for staff pension contributions.

Once the financial provision was in place, at least two quotations from previous suppliers would be obtained and the planting of the hedge would take place during November – best planting time for new bushes and trees.

**RESOLVED:** That a virement of funds of £3.5K from the unused Employers Pension budget to the Grounds Maintenance budget to cover this work. Be approved

## 7. **ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE UPDATE AND PROGRESS**

The Committee reviewed progress on the development of the cycle route through from Tyddyn Street Church to Gas Lane via the Cemetery Field. The cycle way was being constructed incrementally across the County as the Welsh Government's Active Travel funding allowed. The first stage was nearing completion for Tyddyn Street URC Church to Gas Lane, via the Cemetery Field.

Members were pleased at the outcomes so far, also with the old path closed off and many people cycling and walking on the new route. Incidents of anti-social behaviour had been reduced and a new gate on Gas Lane had allowed maintenance of the lower field to continue. It was noted that the grassy strip of land on the left-hand side of Tyddyn Street may be a suggestion for an environmental planting scheme when Sarah Slater and her colleagues at Flintshire County Council next undertake an environmental project in the town.

**RESOLVED:** That the update be noted.

## 8. **REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT**

The Cemetery Superintendent gave an update on damaged trees and potential for replacements. He also highlighted many trip hazards on site which would be addressed shortly with new tarmacadam.

The Committee were informed of the number of burials and activities since the last meeting viz:-

New graves 4 Re-openings 5 and Cremations in existing graves 12 new Cremation graves 2. Total 23

Members also commented upon the future provision given that the extension was now nine years ago. It was anticipated that it would accommodate 320 graves and had so far had 150 dug. Therefore, future provision was important to debate soon.

**RESOLVED:** That:

(i) the report be received and noted; and

(ii) at a future meeting, the Committee consider how it could extend the life of the current cemetery by raising ground levels etc.

Meeting ended at 7.00pm

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

<b>CEMETERY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DATE: 25/07//2022</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>

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