

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cemetery Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Mold (also by VC) on 4th October 2023 at 6pm in the Town Hall and via Zoom.

PRESENT: Councillors Sarah Taylor (Deputy Mayor), Paul Beacher (Chairman), Haydn Jones, Joanne Edwards and Pete Dando.

Officers: Jo Lane, Town Clerk and Finance Officer and Arfon Williams-Cooke, Cemetery Superintendent.

ABSENT: Cllr Teresa Carberry (Mayor)

10. APOLOGIES AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Apologies received from Councillor Chris Bithell.
Cllr P Beacher welcomed new committee member Cllr Pete Dando and new Town Clerk, Jo Lane to the meeting.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

12. MINUTES

AMENDMENT: to minutes of 5th June 2023, Cllr Dando submitted apologies for the meeting and was not in attendance.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 5th June 2023 with the above amendment be received and approved as a correct record.

13. REPORT FROM THE CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

The Cemetery Superintendent reported that since the previous meeting 10 burials had taken place. Numbers for burials seem to be low currently and this has been confirmed with a number of Funeral Directors in Mold.

Grass cutting has been difficult to manage over the last few months. Due to weather conditions grass is growing extremely fast. Staff have caught up on this over the last few weeks.

Vandalism has been an issue but recently has quietened down.

Potential problem with the wall on the pedestrian side of the path in the Cemetery. This is due to natural waste being stored up against the wall (approx. 10/11 tonnes). Waste needs to be removed to prevent any future damage. Two quotes have been acquired by Cemetery Superintendent: £390 and £450.

The costings do not include the cost of a skip which will be needed.

RESOLVED: To go with the lower quote and work to be scheduled.

Trip Hazards are currently being checked.

14. TREE STUMP IN CAR PARK

Nic Hoskins has confirmed that the tree stump is in good condition and can be sculptured.

RESOLVED: To put on hold for the time being until potential funds are sourced.

15. TREES OVERHANGING ONTO HOUSE OF ROOF

The Clerk has received an email from resident who is concerned with overhanging foliage.

One quote has been secured so far for this work but the quote does not detail how much tree work is included in the quote. A concern was raised by Cllr H Jones with regards the regularity in which this work will be needed going forward.

RESOLVED: The Cemetery Superintendent to secure 3 quotes for tree works to lower all trees to hedge level. The Cemetery Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Cemetery Superintendent to agree lowest quote and schedule work to take place.

Town Clerk to respond to resident email with an update.

16. UPDATE ON APSE CEMETERY AWARD

Cllr H Jones gave an overview of his experience of attending the APSE Awards. It was a great honour to attend and represent Mold Town Council. Unfortunately, we did not win, the winner was Lambeth Council. Huge achievement to be nominated.

RESOLVED: Town Clerk to write press release regarding the nomination.

17. REVIEW OF SUBCONTRACTORS

A budget of £6,000 has been allocated for the use of Casual Staff by Town Council for this financial year. Casual staff are used in the Cemetery to cover staff holiday, sickness and bank holidays. A lot of the manual work needed to maintain the Cemetery requires two people for Health and Safety reasons.

There is a separate budget for Grave Digging. All new graves require external contractor with a digger. Refilling of graves and graves that are re-opened are done by hand by the Cemetery staff.

RESOLVED: The Cemetery Committee understands the need for subcontractors and will feedback to the next Town Council Meeting.

Meeting ended at 6.43pm

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

CEMETERY COMMITTEE	DATE: 04/10/23
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

WORD/MINUTES/CEMETERY/CEMETERY

Chairman's signature: Date: