

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Beacher (Chairman), Haydn Jones, Chris Bithell and Pete Dando.

VIA ZOOM: Councillor Teresa Carberry

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

ABSENT: Cllr Joanne Edwards

18. APOLOGIES AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Apologies received from Councillor Sarah Taylor

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

20. MINUTES

It was **resolved** that the minutes from the previous meeting held on 4th October were approved.

Cllr Bithell requested further information regarding the vandalism mentioned in the minutes and regarding the waste pile. The Cemetery Superintendent provided further information on both items raised.

21. REPORT FROM THE CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

The Cemetery Superintendent reported that since the previous meeting 9 burials have taken place (1 new grave, 3 re-opened graves, 2 new cremations and 2 re-opened cremations). Number of burials continues to be low which has been confirmed with a number of local Funeral Directors in Mold. This maybe due to a number of factors including the new Flintshire Memorial Park and Crematorium (Northop) and more options available such as Pure Cremations and Funeral Plans (Golden Charter).

Grass cutting is currently taking place and work will start on servicing all machinery inhouse part from the tractor which will be serviced by J T Williams.

Welsh Water have issued a notice regarding a private leak in the Cemetery Lodge area. On Friday 1st December the Clerk and Cemetery Superintendent

met Welsh Water onsite to explore further. The leak is believed to be underground in the patio area to the side of the house, near the tool store. The clerk has contacted the insurance company to see if the repair work is insured. A cost of £125 excess will need to be paid for investigation work to take place.

It was **resolved** to pay the £125 excess for further investigation to take place.

The Cemetery Superintendent noted that work with the new Clerk is going well with regular meetings.

22. TREE STUMP IN CAR PARK

Cllr Beacher requested that the CDR Committee consider using the funds from Cittaslow for the carving of the tree stump in the Cemetery Car Park. The CDR Committee agreed to consider this project but requested that quotes were sourced before a decision could be made.

It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk would seek quotes – The Cemetery Superintendent would provide contact details for a couple of local businesses.

23. TREES OVERHANGING ONTO HOUSE OF ROOF

Two quotes had been received with regards to the previously discussed works. After discussion it was **resolved** to move forward with the quote received from Woodworks.

Action: Clerk to engage with FCC to ensure that there are no TPO's or other reason for this works to take place, prior to going ahead with the work.

24. MEMORIAL BENCH REQUEST

The clerk has received an email for a member of the public requesting to purchase a bench and plaque for either the Cemetery or Mold Town Centre.

This item was discussed and as space within the Cemetery for an additional bench was extremely limited as there are currently 26 benches in the Cemetery. The Cemetery Superintendent advised the only memorial donations currently being received are plants such as rose bushes.

RESOLVED: Town Clerk to respond to the resident to advise that we would greatly receive a plant with a plaque in Mold Cemetery. Alternatively, they would need to contact FCC Streetscene to request a memorial bench in the town centre.

25. NEW WORKPLACE RECYCLING LEGISLATION

Information regarding the new workplace recycling legislation coming into place on April 6th 2024 was shared prior to the meeting.

A discussion took place with regards to the impact that this new legislation would have on the Cemetery and Cemetery staff. Currently there are 14 bins located in the Cemetery which collect mixed waste. The bins are emptied into an ASH Waste bin which is collected weekly and the contents are sorted off site by ASH Waste. The new legislation means that waste will need to be sorted onsite at the Cemetery. On busy occasions such as Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day – the Cemetery staff rely on hiring skips to be able to deal with the increase in waste. We are unsure how the new legislation will affect skip hire.

Two possible schemes were discussed in detail:

1. Introducing separate bins in the cemetery, one for garden waste and one for plastics so visitors will separate waste automatically. There will be an increase in cost for this with purchasing new bins and requiring two separate collection bins.
2. Introducing a plastic free policy for the cemetery and advising visitors that the only waste that can be disposed of on site is garden waste – all plastic will need to be taken away (i.e. plastic wrappers of flowers and plastic wrappers).

It was **resolved** for the Town Clerk to contact Richard Blake from FCC to see what plans are in place for cemeteries run by the local authority and feedback at the next meeting.

26. CEMETERY BUDGET 2024/25

The budget presented at the meeting was discussed and it was **resolved** that the requested Cemetery Budget be submitted to the Budget Committee for consideration.

Cllr Bithell enquired if there is a discussion to be had with regards to raising the Cemetery fees.

It was **resolved** for the Town Clerk to investigate costings in other local cemeteries so that they can be compared to our current charges. Once complete an extra meeting will be scheduled for January 24.

Meeting ended at 7.17pm

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

CEMETERY COMMITTEE	DATE: 06/12/2023
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS

WORD/MINUTES/CEMETERY/CEMETERY

Chairman's signature: Date: