

# MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Mold Town Council Cemetery Committee held at the Town Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Robin Guest (Mayor), Chris Bithell, Brian Lloyd, the Clerk and Finance Officer and the Cemetery Superintendent.

## 7. APOLOGIES

Bob Gaffey, Andrea Mearns

## 8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 9. MINUTES

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013 be received and approved as a correct record.

## 10. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

## 11. REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

The Cemetery Superintendent advised members that since his last report in January 2013 there had been a total of 35 burials up to the end of July. Of these there were 11 new burials, 12 re-openings, 6 new cremations and 6 cremations for existing plots.

He informed members that the consecration of the new cemetery extension would be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 at 10.30am. The Clerk added that the Bishop of St. Asaph would be attending and in addition all denominations from the town had been invited to take part. There would be light refreshments provided with the gazebo being erected for the morning. Councillor Robin Guest asked if there were any contingencies should the weather be poor. It was suggested that enquiries could be made with Tyddyn Street Church to have the refreshments there should the weather be poor. Councillor Robin Guest also suggested contacting the secretary of the Bishop to seek advice on the normal process for ensuring all denominations have the opportunity to bless the ground. It was agreed that the Clerk would make the relevant enquiries.

The Cemetery Superintendent continued to advise members that grass cutting had been better this year compared to last. There had also been a health and safety inspection carried out by Wirehouse Consultancy Services, and a report was due on the outcome.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The Town Clerk would seek advice with the secretary of the Bishop of St. Asaph on the normal process for ensuring all denominations have the opportunity to bless the ground.
- b) The Town Clerk would make enquiries with Tyddyn Street Church to have the refreshments there should the weather be poor during the consecration of the cemetery extension.

## **12. CEMETERY EXTENSION**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report providing information on the completion of the cemetery extension. The Cemetery Superintendent advised that he had not been happy with the main contractors and felt that Harrison Development Design could have been a little more robust in addressing the issues that had arisen. A discussion was held on whether the concerns should be raised with Harrison Development Design, but it was agreed that lessons had been learnt from the process, and as the costs had been kept to a minimum the Council could not have expected much more.

**Resolved:** It was resolved:

- a) To note the report of the Town Clerk

## **13. TREE MAINTENANCE**

The Town Clerk advised members of further correspondence received from a resident at Lon yr Orsaf suggesting that the Corsican Pines could have further issues. The Clerk had sought advice from Stuart Body the Tree Officer at Flintshire County Council, who had agreed to re-visit the cemetery. Until the outcome of this visit is known the Town Council will be unable to instruct the contractor to carry out the agreed works to the Corsican Pines.

The Town Clerk also advised members of the current expenditure incurred to date on tree maintenance, which was over the agreed budget of £500. Members agreed that due to the harsh weather experienced this could not have been avoided. The Town Clerk advised that it would be possible to cover the costs associated with carrying out the work to the Corsican Pines from the reserves originally held for the cemetery extension. The Committee agreed that the work would have to be done.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The Town Clerk contact Stuart Body to seek a response to his re-visit to the cemetery in order to confirm the action required to the Corsican Pines.
- b) Delegated power is given to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Mayor to approve the appointment of a suitable Contractor to carry out the works to the Corsican Pines, allowing for any amendment to required work and costs.

#### 14. GROUND WATER MONITORING

Under Condition 4 of the planning permission for the cemetery extension the Town Council is required to carry out groundwater monitoring. The Committee considered the proposed scope of works and associated costs obtained from Smith Grant Environmental Consultancy LLP.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The Council approve the proposed scope of works and associated costs obtained from Smith Grant Environmental Consultancy LLP.

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

<b>CEMETERY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DATE: 2<sup>ND</sup> September 2013</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
None		

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