

MOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Mold Town Council Cemetery Committee held at the Cemetery, Alexandra Road, Mold on Friday 31st May 2013

PRESENT: Councillors: Robin Guest (Mayor), Chris Bithell, Bob Gaffey, Brian Lloyd, Andrea Mearns, Phil Thomas the Clerk and Finance Officer, Cemetery Superintendent, Andy Percival (Harrisons) and James Wright (Managing Director Wrights Landscapes Ltd).

1. APOLOGIES

Geoff Collett, Carol Heycocks, and Geoff Matthias

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

Resolved: It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11th March 2013 be received and approved as a correct record.

4. CEMETERY EXTENSION

The Committee was introduced to Andy Percival, Project Manager from Harrison and Design and James Wright, Managing Director of Wrights Landscapes. Andy and James brought member up to date on the progress of the cemetery extension. The Committee were happy with the work to date, but asked if it would be possible for the strip of land between the existing wall of the old section of the cemetery and the new footpath of the extension to be leveled out. If this was possible it could allow for cremated remains to be placed there in the future and avoid wasting valuable land space. Andy and James agreed to look at the possibility of this following the meeting.

Upon viewing the bottom end of the extension members noticed that the three markers/foundations for the new stone pillars appeared to be out of alignment. They asked if this could be addressed. Andy advised that he was not too concerned as there was room for movement of the markers because of the size of the foundations. He assured members that the stone pillars would be aligned once erected.

5. WEATHER DAMAGE TO CORSICAN PINES

The Cemetery Superintendence advised members of the events that lead to a large section of a Corsican Pine breaking away and falling onto the gable end of a nearby property. Following this, an Arboculturist (Nick Hosking) was instructed to complete all emergency works required following the extreme snow conditions and the subsequent high winds. In addition, members were advised that a meeting was held with the Tree Officer from Flintshire County Council, Nick Hosking, the Mayor, Clerk and Superintendent. A report has now been prepared by Nick Hosking advising of

required works to the Corsican Pines. The Committee considered the report, and asked if Canopy had been asked to quote for the works. Councillor Andrea Mearns also asked if it would be possible to re-coup some of the costs through the sale of the wood. It was also suggested and agreed that a letter is sent to the local residents affected by the trees, advising them of the work to be undertaken.

Resolved: It was resolved that:

- a) A quote for the works will be requested from Canopy.
- b) That a letter is sent to the local residents once a decision on the action to be taken has been made.

6. GAS LANE HEDGE MAINTENANCE

The Committee considered the two quotes received from AGM Tree Surgery and Chester Oaks for works to the conifers on Gas Lane. Councillor Andrea Mearns asked if Adrian Parker had been approached to do the work, and the Cemetery Superintendent advised that he had, but was not interested. Councillor Chris Bithell suggested a quote should also be obtained from Nick Hoskins who had provided a quote for the works to the Corsican Pines and to ensure that the quote received from Chester Oaks was for the same work to Gas Lane as AGM Surgery. Councillor Andrea Mearns asked if either of the two contractors had been used before by the Town Council, and suggested that references were obtained to assist in the decision making. The Mayor suggested that delegated power be given to Councillor Chris Bithell (Chair), the Clerk and himself to approve the appointment of a suitable contractor once the suggestions raised had been addressed.

The Cemetery Superintendent advised members of a number of trip hazards around the Cemetery, particularly along the path where the Conifers stood. The Mayor suggested that quotes were obtained for the works identified to enable the Committee to consider further.

Resolved: It was resolved that:

- a) 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 Conifers on Gas Lane.
- b) That quotes are obtained for the trip hazards identified to determine further action.

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

CEMETERY COMMITTEE	DATE: 31st May 2013
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MEMBER	ITEM	MINUTE NO. REFERS
None		

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