

## **MOLD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Mold Town Council Cemetery Committee held at the Town Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013

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

### **15. APOLOGIES**

Councillors Geoff Matthias, Geoff Collett, Carol Heycocks and Andrea Mearns

### **16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **17. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 be received and approved as a correct record.

### **18. MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk advised that following the last meeting she had contacted Stuart Body, Tree Officer at Flintshire County Council relating to the Corsican Pines, and he had conducted a further survey of the trees. The revised survey has been sent to Canopy to obtain a quote for the new works.

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

The Cemetery Superintendent advised members that since his last report in September there had been only two burials. He also advised that arrangements have now been made for the first burial in the new cemetery extension, which will be carried out on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Councillor Chris Bithell spoke of how well the Cemetery Consecration had gone the previous Thursday, and thanked the Clerk and Superintendent for organising the ceremony and ensuring the cemetery was well presented.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to note the report of the Superintendent.

### **20. CEMETERY CAR PARK**

The Committee considered issue of the car park being used during the afternoon school run by parents of children who attend Ysgol Bryn Coch. Councillor Bithell advised that he had been approached by a member of the public who uses the car park when visiting the cemetery and their car had been damaged during an afternoon when parents were using the car park. The Cemetery Superintendent advised that he regularly experiences problems, and if he approaches people who should not be using the car park he receives unfriendly responses. A number of

options were considered to address the problem, including an offer from the Mayor to man the gates. It was agreed that nothing would prevent the misuse of the car park other than actually closing the car park for a period of time. Although the Superintendent wished to avoid having to close the car park, he understood the limited options.

**Resolved:** It was resolved:

- a) To seek support of the Town Council to close the Cemetery Car Park from 2.45pm-3.15pm each week day.
- b) To provide advance notice to members of the public before its introduction.

## **21. FOOTPATH REPAIRS**

The Town Clerk provided the committee with two quotes for repairs to the trip hazards of the footpaths throughout the Cemetery. The Superintendent added that he had asked one of the contractors who had provided a quote if the cost would be reduced if one area of work was not completed in the car park. The contractor had agreed to reduce the cost by £400 if this was the choice of the Council. Due to the limited budget availability it was agreed that the work be offered to the contractor who had agreed to reduce the cost by £400.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The Town Clerk instructs DJ Services to carry out the footpath repairs, without the work to the car park, hence reducing the costs by £400.

## **22. BUDGET 2014/15**

The Committee considered the budget for 2014/15 and agreed that in order to consider any pressures they required further information on projected spend for 2013/14. It was agreed that a further meeting would be arranged with the requested information made available by the Clerk. The Clerk and Superintendent did provide some information on pressures for the following year including, salaries, machinery to maintain the new extension, loan repayments for the extension and roof works to the Lodge.

**Resolved:** It was resolved that:

- a) The Clerk would arrange a further meeting of the Committee to consider the budget for 2014/15.

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

<b>CEMETERY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DATE: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013</b>
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<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MINUTE NO. REFERS</b>
None		

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