# LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

BURIAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 2017/03/27 - 03

MINUTES OF THE BURIAL COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber. Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 27 March 2017 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT:

Cllrs H Ives (Chairman), B Berryman, C Harris, C Legg, B Pearman and D

Pugh

Mrs J Smailes - Chief Executive Officer Miss C Wheeler - Executive Officer

Cllr Ives informed all present that no practice fire evacuation had been scheduled for the duration of the meeting. All attendees were then informed of the locations of the nearest fire exits.

### 1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Street.

### 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approval of the minutes of the Burial Committee meeting held on 26 September 2016 were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Pearman. Unanimous.

It was noted that since the last meeting it had been necessary to remove a branch from a Cedar Tree in St Mary's Churchyard due to health and safety concerns. The removal amounted to a cost of £216.00 including expenditure.

### 4. **OPEN FORUM**

None.

### 5. **BURIAL SURVEY**

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the results of a burial survey published in The Clerk which highlighted an impending national grave space crisis, the details of which were noted.

Members were also provided with details of Memorial Orb Niches and a Tree of Life and were asked to consider the use of same, as it was felt such items may extend local burial provision at other venues in the Town. During a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Ives, that further information would be obtained on a Tree of Life or a memorial wall, in order that they may potentially be utilised in Bathurst Park. Vote carried.

Action by – the CEO

### 6. PROPOSED CHARGES FOR LYDNEY CEMETERY FOR 2017/18

Cemetery Charges for 2017/18

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the proposed charges for 2017/18 for consideration. Approval of the charges was proposed by Cllr Pugh, seconded by Cllr Pearman. Unanimous.

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# Aylburton Parish Council Charge 2017/18

Members were asked to consider the charge to be levied against Aylburton Parish Council for 2017/18. It was **proposed by Cllr Harris**, **seconded by Cllr Ives**, that the charge would be set at £254.10 for 2017/18. Unanimous.

# 7. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

No reports were made.

# 8. **MEETING DATES**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Burial Committee would take place on Monday 30 May 2017 at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 6.09 pm.

Chairman

Date 31 July 2017