

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

BURIAL COMMITTEE MEETING – 2019/09/30 – 01

MINUTES OF THE BURIAL COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 30 September 2019 at 6.55 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs C Vaughan (Chairman), L Arnold, Z Arnold, A Harley, R Holmes and W Leach

Mr A Maliphant – Town Clerk
Miss C Wheeler – Assistant Clerk

Cllr Vaughan 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. **TO REVIEW THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**
Cllr Vaughan advised Members that since the September Full Council meeting she had reconsidered her decision to stand down as Chairman and would continue in the role.
2. **APOLOGIES**
No apologies for absence were received.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Members noted that a copy of the “approved” Burial Committee Meeting minutes in respect of the meeting held on 26 November 2018 had been circulated – for information only.
5. **OPEN FORUM**
None.
6. **FEES**
Members were reminded of the Town Council’s policy to increase its fees annually by 10%. Aylburton Parish Council had requested that the Town Council reconsider its policy in order that it was in line with the trend in cemetery budget increase overall/representative of the situation regarding their Parishioner’s interments.

The Clerk provided Members with an overview of the number of interments which had taken place since 1 May 2016, maintenance work undertaken etc. After a short discussion it was **proposed by Cllr Z Arnold, seconded by Cllr Leach** that the Council would no longer increase its charges by a blanket 10% and instead would consider levying an increase when the Committee considers its budget later in the year. Unanimous.

Action by – the Clerk

Cllr L Arnold observed that the Cemetery was filling up and that consideration needed to be given towards allocating funding towards a new Cemetery. Cllr Z Arnold reminded Members that the Council had already opened discussions with The Dean

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Academy regarding land availability. Cllr L Arnold felt that consideration should also be given towards applying to reduce the width of the verge on the A48. Cllr Vaughan requested that the matter be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Action by – the Clerk

7. **LITTER BIN**

Members were informed that a request had been received from Dean Forest Railway for the Council to provide a litter bin between St Mary's Churchyard and St Mary's Bridge.

The Clerk advised that it would cost £55.00 plus VAT to purchase a bin and £4.71 plus VAT per week to empty. Whilst £500.00 had been included in the Committee's current budget, Members were advised that a decision to provide a bin would have implications on their 2020/21 draft budget.

It was **proposed by Cllr Vaughan** that the Council would agree to purchase a bin.
Unanimous.

Action by – the Clerk

8. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

None.


9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

10. **MEETING DATES**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Burial Committee would take place on Monday 25 November 2019 at 6.30 pm, unless there was insufficient business for the Committee to discuss.

The meeting closed at 7.11 pm.

Chairman

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