

Please find below the answers to your questions that I am able to answer at this time

1. Q. Who is the curator of the cemetery who resigned in October 2016?
A. We are unable to divulge the name of the assistant curator who resigned as this is personal data.
2. Q. Who is the ABC Bereavement Services Officer?
A. This question should be referred to Allerdale Borough Council
3. Q. Who and what is the role of Ruth Carr and ISS
A. With reference to part a – please direct your question to Allerdale Borough Council.
With regard to part b - ISS (now taken over by Tivoli) undertake grave digging for WBJC
4. Q. Minutes – I have attached the minutes of WBJC of 26th July 2017

5. Q – Re confidential minutes, these have now been reviewed and I deal with each as follows:

13/12/17 91/2017/4 – WBJC – Cllr Lynch reported on the latest WBJC meeting and proceeded to inform councillors of the recent meetings held with representatives of Allerdale Borough Council who have indicated there will be no burial support grant in the future. There is serious implications to the withdrawal of funding and the three councils will need to determine their position.

10/01/18 FC/105/2017 WBJC

Cllr Lynch informed members that there will be no support grant from ABC as of 2019/20 and we will only receive 50% for 2018/19

It was agreed that a letter be sent to ABC from TC at how appalled we are at their decision and how they did not consult any of the three councils involved with Wigton Cemetery.

Motion put forward by Cllr Lynch – That Wigton TC along with Woodside and Waverton continue running the cemetery and we look at producing a business plan.

Vote taken – Unanimous

13/09/18 - No meeting was held on 13th September 2018.

13/03/19 FC/136/2018 WBJC

Cllr Lynch expressed her thanks to Cllr Williams for the work undertaken in her absence of late. Cllr Williams reported on the business plan to date, the meetings held with ABC and the engagement of HR professionals. Expenditure at the cemetery far outweighs income, hence the financial risk to WBJC, and WTC. The working group are to meet with the solicitors again next week and all options will be considered.

Cllr Lynch reported it was believed there had been a breach of confidentiality concerning cemetery business. After discussion councillors UNANIMOUSLY agreed that due to conflicts of interest encountered in recent times, the Town Council appoint new solicitors

Cllr Cowell left the meeting at 20.05.

- Please note part of the above has been redacted due to data protection regulations

10/04/19 -Please note this item remains confidential due to data protection regulations.

Q6 - How much was the support grant that was withdrawn – referred to in minutes of 14/03/18?

A. In 2016/17 the support grant was £37,729. Reduced to £25,900 in 2017/18, and £12,950 for 2018/19. Zero for 2019/20

Q7 – Q. Was the design of the memorial garden on display?

A. Yes

Q. When and where was this?

A. In the notice board at the cemetery from April 2018.

Q8 – Q. I understand that Mrs Lynch is the Chair of the WBJC, can you confirm this and say who are the other councillors?

A. Yes I can confirm Mrs Lynch is the Chair of WBJC. The other councillors are P Williams, M Clark, M Huntington, H Robbins, W McKie, W Marrs, G Girvan and A Huntington

Q9 – Q Can I please have the copies of the minutes of the meetings of the WBJC dated 24/4/19, 08/05/19 and 6/6/19

A. I do not have the minutes of these meetings