

Meeting of the WBJC. Wednesday, 8th April 2019.

(It was pointed out that this meeting would be recorded.)

Present - Public Book at door with list of names.

Sandra Keaveney, Manager of Market Hall intervened and said a maximum of 50 could be in the hall at any one time. Anger and resentment - surplus had to wait in the hall-way (6 or 8) another 8/10 in foyer downstairs. Pointed out that 50 was the maximum many times.

Committee - Cliona Lynch (Chair) Pat Williams W. McKie, Alan Pitcher, George Givern, William Marrs, Mary Huntington, Mary Clark.

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the Meeting 27th March - Approved.
- Extraordinary Meeting 8th April - Approved.
3. Declarations of Interest & Dispensations - None.

4. Exclusion of the Press & Public

Items 7 & 8, 9.

5. Public Participation

Name - Marian Smallwood - What is happening at the cemetery?

EW pointed out that only the running of the cemetery could be discussed - staff matters could not be discussed. She outlined the structure of WBJC etc and outlined the financial situation. There was much heckling and shouting particularly from Mrs Smallwood. It became difficult to list the questions but they will be on the recording included Marian Kelly, Barrie Coakes, Sally Fisher, Miss Mathison (Tierny's daughter) Fred Johnston, Bryony Harding.

E.L. pointed out that the aim of the WBC was to safeguard the cemetery and the only alternative would be to hand over the running of the Cemetery to Alfordale - something the public obviously did not support. She also pointed out that if the present situation continued the financial consequences would be dire - we could go bankrupt.

MC pointed out that no other cemetery in North Cumbria had a curator.

On being questioned about the Memorial Garden G.G. said there had been public demand for the garden for the burial of ~~ashes~~ cremated remains. WM pointed out to the public that the WBC had to operate in a very difficult financial climate and that was the reality of the situation. He had to shout to be heard. The questions had to be brought to an end as there was other business to discuss. The majority of the public left the room at this point.

6. Finance matters - payments received and authorised - E.L. pointed out to the remaining public that we had spent about twice as much as we had received - emphasising our problem with finances.

7. Conveyances - 1 cremated remains

8. No Headstones.

The public were asked to leave.

9. Chair's Report — CONF.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.
Next meeting to be arranged

E. J. d. 6/6/19