

WIGTON BURIAL JOINT COMMITTEE
Wigton Cemetery, Station Hill, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 9BN
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Minutes of meeting held at 7.00pm on 25th February 2020 in The Vestry, Wigton Cemetery.

Present: E Lynch, P Williams, H Robbins, G Girvan, M Huntington, W McKie, T Huntington, W Marrs, M Clark

1. No Apologies.
2. Minutes agreed and signed.
3. Declarations, Interests/Dispensations – none.
4. Exclusion of Press & Public. Item 10 (aspects of). No public present.
5. Public Participation. No public present. Complaints had been received about dogs in cemetery. Dogs are to be kept on lead and stay on footpaths. Notice will be obtained by William.
Request received for erection of a sear for Louis Barton's birthday. George and William to arrange.
6. Discussion on finances, 2019/2020 had been a very difficult expensive year. There was still much to be done but with costs much reduced, it is hoped that our financial situation would improve.
7. Grounds maintenance for summer 2020, the quotes received.
Quote B was chosen being the cheaper quote received. The company chosen: Ian Rumney, Solway Garden and Landscapes. Mary to contact and request Limited Liability Insurance and work to be paid for monthly. Work to commence 1st April. Request to be made for bank details (BAC payment), any issues arising, Mary to be contacted.
8. Update on Management Agreement with Allerdale.
EL has had several meetings with Ruth Carr. Waverton PC need to make a decision about their future with WBJC before final arrangements can be made. GG & TH to recommend continuing support at their next meeting. There have been more issues with allotting grave spaces that arose in the past.
There was a discussion on repayment of the loans received from the 3 parishes. This could be arranged as an annual payment over 3/4 years. A cashflow forecast would demonstrate efficiency. This was requested by TH. EL to complete.
The computer system will form part of the management agreement. Ruth Carr to be asked to give management agreement costs, these will come out of the payment received for funerals. It is unclear as to whether the cost will be per funeral or a flat fee. This has to be discussed with Ruth Carr. GG will talk to her about it on Thursday.
We need figures to formulate the business plan.
9. Update on renovation of the house.
EL had visited the house with her husband, who is going to do the joinery work. They found quite a few problems caused by water ingress – the result of severe wind and rain.
GG & WM will check on Thursday and see if it is necessary to get a builder.
Work can only be done on the house when funds are available.
Michael Lynch will purchase the wood and charge to the cemetery. WM to buy and install an electric towel rail.
10. Chairs Report
There are two burials of cremated remains this week. Steven Farish (WTC) to prepare. George Girvan to attend 11am Thursday. Heather Robbins 11.30am Friday.
The bier is to be removed from the cemetery and stored by Hills if they still want it. GG will get in touch.
The wall needing repairs (east wall) has been checked by GG and WM. They think repair and pointing only necessary. No movement in past 12 months. They will look for a suitable builder.

Bedding plants for the summer. HH will check with Alison. Estimate of amount needed by Steven Farish – Alison will order. Red/White/Blue if possible.

GM and WM to advise on cremation plots request from Ruth Carr.

The notice board to be looked at and repaired by Michael Lynch – not possible to use at the moment.

New signage relating to removal of wreaths, etc, necessary. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Installation of new gates to await available funds.

11. The next meeting – Tuesday 12th May, 7.15pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm