

WIGTON BURIAL JOINT COMMITTEE
Wigton Cemetery, Station Hill, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 9BN
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Minutes of meeting held at 7.00pm on 27th March 2019 in The Vestry, Wigton Cemetery.

Present: W McKie, W Marrs, G Girvan, P Williams, A Pilcher, M Huntington, E Lynch (Chair), M Clark,
L Graham, T Mattinson (Curator)

1. Apologies for absence – none.
2. Minutes of the meeting 30/1/19 – erase Alan Pilcher (not present) otherwise correct – signed.
Minutes of the extraordinary meeting 27/1/2019. Correction Alan Pilcher (not present) otherwise correct – signed.
3. Declaration of Interest/Dispensations – none.
4. Exclusion of press and public – items 9 and 10.
5. Public Participation
Terry Mattinson (curator) voiced concerns about his employment – he had waited for three months after being told his job was not secure and felt he needed information regarding his future. The Chair told him that this matter would be dealt with later on in the meeting, when the business plan would be discussed. The Chair said herself and other members of the committee would meet with him at the cemetery on Friday 29th March at 8.45am.
Terry Mattinson then handed the Chair a letter, saying it was a legal document disclaiming certain issues at the cemetery – he had issues with grave sales.
The situation with sunken graves has been resolved. A further inspection is to be held Friday AM, 29th March.
The Curator complained that the machinery at the cemetery had not been serviced for three years and was “dropping to bits.” The Chair informed him that this matter would be looked into.
Terry Mattinson left at 7.20pm.
6. Finance Matters
W McKie questions the reclamation of VAT. The Chair told him it was done annually, questioned whether it could be done quarterly?
The Chair explained the large solicitors bill and said the credit balance for this year (2018/2019) was about £68,000. The payments were accepted unanimously.
7. Conveyances/Purchases
 1. New additional inscription
 2. Grave transfers
 10. Purchase of new gravesA letter had been received from Jill Towey re: burying ashes of a relative in the cemetery. A letter would be sent to her presenting three options:
 1. Interred in memorial garden
 2. In family grave with their consent
 3. Purchase a spaceA letter had been received from Tivoli giving their new charges for 2019-2020. There was a considerable rise in the charges which might be slightly offset by Wigton charges coming in line with Allerdale charges.
The committee accepted these charges unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 24th April at 7.00pm