

WIGTON BURIAL JOINT COMMITTEE
Wigton Cemetery, Station Hill, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 9BN
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Minutes of meeting 27th November 2019 at 7.00pm

Present (As previous page)

1. Apologies - none.
Absent – H Robbins
Members of public present: Robert Morten, Sandra Hodgson, Marion Smallwood
 2. Minutes of previous meeting (to be signed)
 3. Declarations of Interest of Dispensations – none.
 4. Exclusion of the press and public.
(After item no 7)
 5. Public participation
 - a) Mrs Smallwood re: memorial garden letter
EL – People walk over other graves in the cemetery. GG – grass path along hedge might be a solution, or move bench (family bench). Family will meet William/George to see what arrangement can be made. If moving the bench and planting a shrub will solve the problem, the arrangement will have to be confirmed by the family. During this time Mrs Smallwood will be kept informed of progress. She seemed happy to go along with this proposal.
 - b) Mr Morten re: his son's grave. The pegs will be removed and a shrub of his choice planted before Christmas to mark the corner. More levelling will be done in the spring if necessary. Mr Morten was satisfied with this proposal.
- Other issues arising from the public (emails):
1. The Dolan headstone – this matter will be dealt with by EL who says there has been confusion between family members.
 2. Complaints from two members of the public re: removal of flowers and ornaments. M Clark said she and a friend of Wigton Cemetery cleared all the dead flowers weekly plus any broken ornaments. Glass was proving a problem, so any glass found is removed (see rules). The Committee will look into the use of plastic in the New Year – many cemeteries are introducing new rules.
6. Finances (See accounts)
After Christmas we will need some winter maintenance – bush trimming and edging paths. We need to look for three quotes.
Christmas wreaths – removal can start end of January – we will follow the same procedure as with flowers – remove the withered ones first.
 7. The Way Forward
Discussions will continue with Allerdale. EL to discuss further with Ruth Carr tomorrow. The Committee will need to work on a business plan. Quotes for maintenance will be needed and hopefully by February a plan will be in place and submitted to the three councils, with options to be discussed.
 8. (Confidential) The public left.

The next meeting will be held in the Vestry Thursday 30th January at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.