

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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LLWYDCOED CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Llwydcoed Crematorium Joint Committee held at Civic Offices, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council on Tuesday, 15 December 2015 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Councillor

A. Chaplin, A. Jones (Chairman), D. Isaac and K. Moran

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Councillors

H.Boggis, A.Crimmings and A.S.Fox

Officers in Attendance

Mr A. Wilkins – Head of Service – Legal Democratic & Corporate

Ms J Lewis- Bereavement Services Manager

Mr S. Preddy – Group Accountant Community Services

Mr R. De Benedictis – Leisure Operations Manager

18 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from County Borough Councillor (Mrs) J.S.Ward (Rhondda-Cynon-Taf County Borough Council).

19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests in matters pertaining to the agenda.

20 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the meeting of the Llwydcoed Crematorium Joint Committee held on 25 September 2015.

21 STATISTICS AND PERFORMANCE

The Bereavement Services Manager presented her report providing Statistics and Performance figures relating to the operation of the Crematorium since the last meeting and it was **RESOLVED** to note the information.

22 BUDGET MONITORING

The Treasurer presented his report providing details of actual spend to 1st December 2015 and a projection of the final outturn for 2015/16.

RESOLVED to note the budget monitoring position.

23 **IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT LLWYDCOED CREMATORIUM –
UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

The Leisure Operations Manager provided a progress update in respect of the ongoing works to replace the Cremators, along with ancillary remedial works, at Llwydcoed Crematorium.

Members were informed that final cremations on the existing cremators were undertaken on 26th November 2015 and the facility had been closed since that time. The existing cremators were demolished and removed on the 27th November 2015.

The flue and site had been inspected by the Asbestos Officer following the removal of the cremators and whilst small traces of asbestos were identified, this could be effectively contained by the flue lining and did not require removal. However, asbestos was identified within the boiler house and this would be removed between 21st and 23rd December 2015. The result of this would be temporary heating arrangements on re-opening for approximately 7 days. Asbestos residue was also identified in the crematory floor duct and this would be contained and managed in situ and the duct would not be in-filled. Overall the asbestos issues were of a minor nature and would not interfere with the programme of works.

Members noted that both new cremators were installed on 7th December 2015 and Cremator Technicians would visit a crematorium at Margam during the week commencing 21st December to receive training on identical equipment.

Members were pleased to note that the facility remained on target to re-open for operations on 5th January 2016 and whilst further refurbishment works and installation of the abatement equipment would continue until April 2016, the facility would continue to operated during this transitional period.

The Leisure Operations Manager confirmed that Funeral Directors had been kept informed of developments and that the facility would re-open on 5th January 2016.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the information.

**A.JONES
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting terminated at 2.12 p.m.