

# LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

## BURIALS COMMITTEE

**DRAFT** Minutes of the Meeting held at Council Chambers on  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 6.00pm.

**Present:** Councillors E Taylor (Chair), C Harris, S Hillier, R Holmes, P Johns, M Jones and T Saunders

**In Attendance:** Mr M Greenfield – Town Clerk  
Mrs L Bendall – Assistant Clerk & Minute Taker

**Members of the Public:** No members of the public were present

Cllr Taylor gave the usual housekeeping announcements.

### Open Forum

No items were raised

#### 1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received as all committee members were present.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

#### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 be approved as a true record.

**Resolved: Majority Approved**

#### 4. CLERK'S REPORT

To receive and note the Clerk's report  
Received and noted.

#### 5. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- Cllr Holmes advised the committee of potential grant funding available from the Gloucester Diocese to support table-top work. The Clerk was asked to investigate this further.

#### 6. BURIAL SPACE

(a) To discuss and consider burial spaces

Following discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the following actions be approved:

- Approach Lydney Recreation Trust regarding the potential use of land for Green Burial Space.

- Investigate land ownership of the land directly behind the cemetery, with a view to enquiring if it may be available for purchase.
- Note that an identified piece of land within a neighbouring parish was not deemed suitable for traditional burial purposes, but may be considered for Green Burial Space.
- Write to Lord Bledisloe to enquire if any other land may be available for purchase

**Resolved: Majority Approved**

- (b) To consider and decide on the engagement of a consultant to undertake a Cemetery Site Search Assessment, with funds to be taken from General Reserves

It was proposed and seconded that this agenda item be deferred until further information becomes available.

**Resolved: Majority Approved**

The clerk requested that councillors provide details of any known companies who specialise in identifying land for potential burial space.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

(a) To review and consider a cemetery complaint 23.07.25 Received and Answered

Following discussion and review the correspondence was noted with no further action identified.

8. **BURIAL FEES**

To consider and decide on burial fees for April 2026 - March 2027

It was proposed and seconded that the burial fees for April 2026 to March 2027 be increased by 10%.

**Resolved: Majority Approved**

9. **CEMETERY RULES**

To consider and decide on the Cemetery Rules

It was proposed and seconded to approve the recommended amendments to the Cemetery Rules.

**Resolved: Majority Approved**

10. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

To identify business for future meetings of this committee.

- No items identified

Meeting closed at 6.50pm

Chair .....

Date .....