

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

BURIALS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held at Council Chambers on Monday 29th 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 27th 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 26/01/26