

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE CLERK & TECHNICAL OFFICER

COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

7 SEPTEMBER 2012

GREEN FLAG AWARD

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Joint Committee on the Coychurch Crematorium's successful application for a Green Flag Award in 2012.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Green Flag Award is the benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in England and Wales. It was first launched in 1996 to recognise and reward the best green spaces in the country. The first award was made in 1997 and it continues to identify the high standards against which our parks and green spaces are measured. It is also seen as a way of encouraging organisations to achieve high environmental standards, setting a benchmark of excellence in recreational green areas. All green spaces are different and diversity is encouraged, with each site being judged on its own merits.
- 2.2 A re-submission of the Green Flag Award was made in January 2012 and awards were announced in July 2012.

3. Current Situation/Proposal

- 3.1 The re-submission for Green Flag Award was to confirm the Crematorium's commitment to maintaining high standards, which can be appreciated by all visitors.
- 3.2 The re-submission on behalf of Coychurch Crematorium has been successful and the Award was presented by John Griffiths AM, the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development at the Royal Welsh Show on 23rd July 2012. The Vice Chair, Councillor Ella Dodd accompanied the Crematorium Manager and Registrar to receive the award on behalf of the Joint Committee.
- 3.3 The award requires an annual application and a further submission will be made in January 2013.

4. **Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules**

4.1 There are none.

5. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

5.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

6. **Financial Implications**

6.1 There are none.

7. **Recommendation:**

7.1 The Joint Committee is recommended to note the continuation of the Green Flag Award.

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Background Papers: Equalities Impact Assessment Toolkit