

COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE - FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2023

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE
HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET,
BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB / VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT
14:00**

Present

Councillor B Stephens – Chairperson

E L P Caparros
JC Spanswick

P Davies
C Stallard

G John

J Lynch-Wilson

Officers:

Mark Galvin	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Stephen Griffiths	Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Joanna Hamilton	Bereavement Services Manager and Registrar
Dean Jones	Accountant - Financial
Oscar Roberts	Business Administrative Apprentice - Democratic Services
Zak Shell	Head of Neighbourhood Services

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

31. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED That the minutes of a meeting of the Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee dated 9 June 2023, be approved as a true and accurate record.

32. GREEN FLAG AWARD

The Bereavement Services Manager and Registrar for Coychurch Crematorium advised the committee on their successful application for the Green Flag award, which promotes good management standards in green space sector and high environmental standards. The award is judged on a welcoming atmosphere, a healthy environment, being safe and secure, well maintained, biodiversity, landscape and heritage, community involvement and communication and management. No ceremony or presentation was held this year she confirmed. The next application period was due in January 2024, costing £350.

Members acknowledged the fact that the Green Flag had been awarded to Coychurch Crematorium once more, for the continued high standard of service provided by the facility and its staff to customers.

RESOLVED: The Committee thanked the staff and management at Coychurch Crematorium for their continued hard work and stewardship of the facility and surrounding area grounds and noted the report with pleasure.

33. **REVENUE MONITORING STATEMENT 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2023 & ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2022-23 UPDATE**

The Accountant Financial Control and Closing presented a report to inform and assess financial performance and projections for Coychurch Crematoria, and to update the committee on the Revenue Monitoring Statement for the above period.

An increased deficit of £311,000 was noted by members compared to expected projections of £71,000, he advised. The annual Accountant's Statement (now submitted to Audit Wales) showed a deficit of £361,665 and a balance of £2,817,942 as of 31/03/23.

RESOLVED: The Committee noted and approved the Revenue Monitoring Statement, noting that there is considerable value for money for the cost of the increased expenditure, as well as the fact that reserves existed to cover that increased spending both currently and moving forward into the future.

34. **URGENT ITEMS**

None

The meeting closed at 14:16