

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT OF THE CLERK & TECHNICAL OFFICER
COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

13 SEPTEMBER 2019

GREEN FLAG AWARD

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Joint Committee on Coychurch Crematorium's successful application for a Green Flag Award in 2019.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate priorities:-

1. **Supporting a successful economy** – taking steps to make the county a good place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the county.
2. **Helping people to be more self-reliant** – taking early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services.
3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

3. Background

3.1 The Green Flag Award is the benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in England and Wales. It was launched in 1996 to recognise and reward the best green spaces in the country. The first national award was introduced 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 merits.

3.2 Coychurch Crematorium received its first award in 2010 and annually thereafter. A re-submission for the Green Flag Award was made in January 2019 and awards were formally announced in July 2019.

4. Current Situation/Proposal

- 4.1 The Crematorium has once again been successful in securing this nationally recognised award for the standards of care and maintenance of the site and grounds. The award confirms the commitment to maintaining high standards, which can be appreciated by all visitors.
- 4.2 Coychurch is flying its Green Flag for the tenth year in succession.
- 4.3 The Chairperson of the Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee and the Bereavement Services Manager and Registrar normally collect the Green Flag Award at a ceremony held in July but the Green Flag Award organisers did not hold an award ceremony this year. Instead the Green Flag and certificate have been delivered directly to Coychurch Crematorium.
- 4.4 On 26th July 2019 Bridgend County Borough Council issued a press release to advise the public of the Green Flag Award successes, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A.
- 4.5 The award requires an annual application and a further submission will be made in January 2020.

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

- 5.1 None.

6. **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 6.1 There are no equality implications arising from the report.

7 **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Assessment**

- 7.1 The report advises the Committee on the success of the Crematorium in securing the Green Flag Award for 2019. There is no requirement for a well-being statement.

8. **Financial Implications**

- 8.1 The submission for the award cost £350 and is met from the revenue budget.

9. **Recommendation:**

- 9.1 The Joint Committee is recommended to note the success of the Crematorium in securing the Green Flag Award for 2019.

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Background Papers: Equalities Impact Assessment Toolkit