

Meeting of:	COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	5 SEPTEMBER 2025
Report Title:	FLOWER COURT EXTENSION
Report Owner / Corporate Director:	REPORT OF THE CLERK & TECHNICAL OFFICER COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE
Responsible Officer:	JOANNA HAMILTON BEREAVEMENT SERVICES MANAGER & REGISTRAR
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	There is no impact on the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.
Executive Summary:	To advise the Joint Committee of a recent article published by the Royal Society of Architects in Wales.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Joint Committee of a recent article published by the Royal Society of Architects in Wales in the Society's Touchstone Journal 2024, about the Crematorium's Flower Court extension (**Appendix A**).

2. Background

- 2.1 At the meeting on 15th June 2018 the Joint Committee approved the provision of a structural extension to the Flower Court facility by extending the rear of the Crematorium building onto the current grassed area outside the exit doors of Crallo Chapel, in order to address the bottleneck that was created when large congregations filed through one set of doors and into the limited narrow corridor space of the Flower Court. Additionally, the delay that was caused to the following funeral service as a result of the slow movement of the congregation through this area.
- 2.2 Architect Mr Jonathan Adams, Percy Thomas Architects, was placed in charge of the design works. Mr Adams is a Welsh architect, well known for his landmark buildings in Cardiff and was previously President of the Royal Society of Architects in Wales (RSAW) from 2005 to 2007. His notable projects include the prestigious Millennium Centre in Cardiff Bay, the new headquarters building for the Welsh Joint Education

Committee (WJEC) in Llandaff and the Sherman Theatre refurbishment in Cardiff.

- 2.3 At the meeting on 14th June 2019, the Joint Committee approved the proposed design of the extension to the Flower Court facility and authorised the application for planning permission and invitation of tenders in respect of the works to be undertaken. The provision of funding for the project would be accommodated in the Crematorium's accumulated reserve funds.
- 2.4 Works commenced on 3rd October 2022. The project was managed on behalf of the Crematorium Joint Committee by the architect, Jonathan Adams and the client officer, the Bereavement Services Manager and Registrar, Joanna Hamilton. The Flower Court extension opened to the public in November 2023.

3. Current situation / proposal

- 3.1 The Touchstone Journal is the Journal for Architecture in Wales, published by the Royal Society of Architect's in Wales.
- 3.2 The 2024 Journal includes an article on pages 12-15 entitled "Respect for the departed", which details the original architecture of the Crematorium and the new Flower Court extension (**Appendix A**).
- 3.3 The article praises the exceptional design of the new Flower Court and highlights the level of quality of the build being assisted by the positive relationship formed between the architect and client officer.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

- 4.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty, and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services, and functions. This is an information report, therefore, it is not necessary to carry out an Equality Impact assessment in the production of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

- 5.1 The Act provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with five ways of working to guide how public services should work to deliver for people. The well-being objectives are designed to complement each other and are part of an integrated way of working to improve well-being for the people of Bridgend. The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts

upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

6. Climate Change and Nature Implications

- 6.1 There are no Climate Change and Nature implications arising from this report.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

- 7.1 There are no safeguarding and corporate parent implications arising from this report.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1 There are no financial implications resulting from this information report.

9. Recommendation:

- 9.1 The Joint Committee is recommended to note the report.

Background Papers: None