

CYNGOR CYMUNED
CEFN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE VIRTUAL BURIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON
ZOOM ON
23rd FEBRUARY 2021.

Chair: Councillor Mrs G Wright

1.PRESENT Councillors: P Blackwell, Mrs S Benbow-Jones, B Cook, A Ennis, Mrs J Jones, D Metcalfe, Mrs P Roberts, Rev K Tiltman, Mrs I Twigg, B Twigg, P Vaughan & D Wright Also, one member of the public.

Due to Councillor Mrs P Roberts being present by telephone not video, Councillor Mrs G Wright as vice chair took the meeting.

2.APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Ms J Parrish

3.TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

None received

4.PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

No members of the public present

5.MINUTES

RESOLVED Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17/12/19 were copied for information only. – confirmed on 28/01/20

6.MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

7. TO DISCUSS VEHICLE ACCESS AT TREFYNANT CEMETERY (DEFERRED FROM FC 26.02.21)

This item has been deferred from Full Council meeting in January 2021. The Clerk reported she has received reports vehicles are turning around by the bricked cabin causing damage to the grassed verges, also, not adhering to the one-way system in place. The Clerk reported to members the cemetery contractor has placed wooden stakes as a temporary measure at the grassed area It was reported there had been large numbers of vehicles visiting the cemetery over the Christmas period, A discussion followed regarding possible closure of the cemetery gates to prevent any further damage, following this it was resolved to leave the gates open and place an article in the next community news edition asking visitors not to park on any grassed area and to obey the rules in place.

8. TO RECEIVE ANY CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 The Clerk reported she and the Chairman had met with a family whose headstone has potentially been damaged by a vehicle, it was reported the Chairman and Clerk had agreed for council to cover the cost of repair which has been undertaken.

The Clerk reported whilst meeting with the family it was brought to her attention the main artery path next to the family grave had been laid many years ago over two burial plots and will need to be rerouted. Following a discussion, it was resolved for Clerk, Chair & Vice Chair of Council and Burial Board to meet in the cemetery to discuss further and agree an alternative route.

8.2 The Clerk reported due to the extreme wet weather recently the last row of graves, the land is waterlogged and making it extremely difficult for visitors. A new temporary path has been laid until the contractor can lay the concrete path as was agreed this will be done as soon as the weather allows.

8.3 The Clerk reported she had received a letter of complaint regarding the removal of a family Christmas Tribute, the Clerk has written to the addressee and apologised for any distress this has caused. Monday 8th February 2021, instructions were given to the cemetery contractor and community staff to remove Christmas wreaths from graves as was undertaken the previous year after six weeks. This action is taken to allow the ongoing maintenance program of the cemetery. Unfortunately, it has been an oversight and no signage had been displayed informing visitors that this action would be taken. The Clerk requested a formal policy is adopted by council for the removal of Christmas Tributes and proceeded to show members a draft policy. Following a discussion, Councillor Mrs I Twigg proposed, seconded by Cllr P Vaughan to adopt the policy, all members in favour. The Clerk will ensure the notice is displayed at the cemetery the first week of December every year, shared on the website and social media platforms. The date of removal was agreed, no tributes will be removed until after Candlemas on 2nd February every year.

9.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

No reports received.

The Chairperson thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.