

## BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the New Cemetery Working Party Meeting  
held on Wednesday 26th October 2022 in the Council Chamber, Old School House,  
Market Hill, Brandon at 6.00pm

**Present:** Cllr P Etherington (Chair), Cllr S Annear, Cllr L Atkins, Cllr V Lukaniuk, Cllr S Skinner,  
Cllr N Vant, Cllr P Wittam, Mrs A Barnes, Mr G Cock – Town Clerk

### 1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Nominations for Chair of the working party were received for Cllr Lukaniuk and Cllr Etherington. Cllr Lukaniuk nominated himself seconded by Cllr Wittam. Cllr Etherington was nominated by Cllr Skinner and seconded by Cllr Annear. Votes ensued and Cllr Etherington was duly appointed by majority vote.

### 2 APOLOGIES for absence and approval of reasons tendered.

Cllr J Hughes – not approved.

### 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST and additions to Members Register of Interest.

Cllr S Skinner – Non-pecuniary interest – funeral director.

### 4 TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES

- Of the New Cemetery Working Party Meeting on Monday 27th June 2022.

**Proposer:** Cllr S Skinner

**Seconder:** Cllr V Lukaniuk

Resolution Record No: **BTCNC/81/26/Oct/22**

**CARRIED:** By majority vote: 7 for, 1 unable to vote.

THE NEW CEMETERY WORKING PARTY RESOLVES THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NEW CEMETERY WORKING PARTY MEETING OF MONDAY 27TH JUNE 2022 BE APPROVED.

### 5 MATTERS ARISING for information exchange only of the New Cemetery Working Party Meeting on 27th June 2022.

Cllr Vant queried the statement regarding the methodology for the archaeological investigation. Cllr Etherington read the documentation from September 2021 regarding this matter.

### 6 URGENT BUSINESS any items the Chairman considers a matter of urgent business – None.

### 7 UPDATE AND REVIEW progress of development.

Cllr Etherington introduced the latest layout plan from LSDP to the committee. Larger versions were made available to enable members to access the detail.

Cllr Wittam queried the provision of trees within the hedgerow. It was explained that this is detail that would form part of the planting plan which is a further later stage of the development process.

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Cllr Lukaniuk proceeded to hand out to members drawings of his envisaged plan of the cemetery and he then explained his rationale for the plan.

Cllr Etherington expressed the view that the overall layout should be taken into consideration and that the new cemetery should be for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, not a replica of our Victorian one. She reminded the meeting that should the car park and store/toilet block be situated in the southwest corner then, to comply with the Ecology requirements we would need to develop that quarter of the site first. In the future, albeit distant, this would make burial plots in the northeast quarter a considerable distance away, whereas having parking as suggested in the LSDP layout would make access to vehicle parking more even across the site.

A general discussion took place regarding the aspects of the plan and it was eventually agreed that it be recommended the car park and facilities building be moved adjacent to the entrance in the southwest corner of the cemetery.

Further debate ensued regarding the roadway and paths. It was agreed that the lower path on the LSDP plan be removed, thus with the remaining central horizontal pathway remaining this then provided a cemetery divided into quartiles replicating the traditional layout.

The turning circle is to remain as placed at the northern end of the access roadway.

Cllr Etherington recommended that residents be asked their opinion on the layout.

A vote ensued on the proposed amendments to the plan to approve it for recommendation to full Council.

**Proposer:** Cllr S Skinner

**Seconder:** Cllr P Wittam

Resolution Record No: **BTCNC/82/26/Oct/22**

**CARRIED:** Unanimous

**BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL NEW CEMETERY WORKING PARTY RESOLVES TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL THE AMENDED NEW CEMETERY LAYOUT.**

The meeting closed at 7.52pm.

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