

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2009 COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors B Brooks (Chairperson) together with O Cash, J Evans, K Evans, A D Hampton, S A Hodges, K Kuhnell, K Lewis and M Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Cliff Lewis – Deputy Executive Officer
Angie Norman – Administrator

A84. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Drake, H C Hamilton, N P Hodges and B I Shaw

A85. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

A86. **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES LAST MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2009**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Amenities Committee's last meeting held on 1 June 2009 be approved and signed as a correct record.

A87. **PIONEER HALL**

a. **Comparison of Bookings (1 April 2008 – 31 August 2009)**

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

b. **Activities Report (1 June – 31 August 2009)**

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

A88. **CEMETERIES**

a. **Comparison of Burials (1 April 2008 – 31 August 2009)**

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

b. **Activities Report (1 June – 31 August 2009)**

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

c. **Report from Working Party set up to Consider the Management of Memorial Safety**

RESOLVED:

1. that the minutes of a meeting of the Working party of the Amenities Committee to consider memorial testing, held in the Council offices on Monday, 10 August 2009 be received and noted;
2. that the Deputy Executive Officer provide a report outlining costs involved in repairing older, more prominent memorials, to the next meeting of the Amenities Committee with a view to these costs being built into the Council's cemetery budget for their repair;
3. that paragraph 14 of the risk assessment guidance for managing memorials be amended as follows:-

“Operators need to keep records to show that.”

A89. **TRANSFER OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIALS (001-386)**

RESOLVED: that in accordance with Standing Order 68, authority be given for the Council's Common Seal to be applied to Deed Transfers numbered 001-386 inclusive, granting the exclusive right of burial to those named on each transfer.

A90. **GRANTS OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL (12827-12937 Inclusive)**

RESOLVED: that in accordance with Standing Order 68, authority be given for the Council's Common Seal to be applied to Deeds numbered 12827-12937 inclusive, granting the exclusive right of burial to those named on each deed for a period not exceeding 75 years.

A91. **BIODIVERSITY 2009/10**

a. **CASH Grant Scheme Award from the Vale of Glamorgan Council**

RESOLVED:

1. that officers be authorised to proceed with the Biodiversity project;
2. that the Deputy Executive Officer be thanked for submitting such a comprehensive report.

b. **Wildlife Award**

RESOLVED:

1. that the Committee consider entering similar biodiversity competitions in the future;
2. that officers be authorised to seek grant funding from organisations to secure biodiversity projects at the Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery.

A92.

UPDATE REPORTS ON BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

a. **Architects Report**

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

b. **Deputy Executive Officers Report**

The Deputy Executive Officer advised Members that he had spoken to Vale of Glamorgan Council Officers in respect of the entrance road into Porthkerry Cemetery. He advised that the works were due to be carried out to repair the entrance way in the near future.

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

A93.

REPORT OF A MEETING WITH THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN REGARDING POSSIBLE SWINE FLU PANDEMIC AND THE IMPACT ON BURIAL SERVICES

RESOLVED:

1. that consideration be given to any future information and that serious consideration be given to the recommendations that will be made as a result of the meetings with the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Civil Protection Department, adopting a policy of working closely with other organisations in similar scenarios;
2. that Debbie Spargo or Thomas Dafydd of the Vale of Glamorgan Emergency Planning Team be invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee on 30 November 2009.

A94.

BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENTS (APRIL 2009 – JULY 2009)

RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

A95. **BUDGET SAVINGS IDENTIFIED IN THE 2009/10 BUDGET**

RESOLVED:

1. that the Committee supported the savings identified to off-set the costs of the Cemetery extension project;
2. that those items listed be revisited as part of the 2010/11 budget preparation exercise, including the replacement water pipe on section FF.

A96. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: to note that the next meeting of the Amenities Committee was scheduled to take place on Monday, 30 November 2009.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed Dated
(Chairperson)