



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Llwydcoed Crematorium Joint Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Llwydcoed Crematorium Joint Committee meeting held on Tuesday,
13 December 2022 at 2.00 pm at the Virtual.

**County Borough Councillors - Llwydcoed Crematorium Joint Committee Members in
attendance:-**

Councillor A Crimmings (Chair)
Councillor D Isaac (Vice-Chair)

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Councillors
Councillor M Colbran Councillor J Thomas

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Councillors
Councillor A Fox Councillor G Jones
Councillor A O Rogers

Officers in attendance

Mr P Griffiths, Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services
Ms J Lewis, Bereavement Services Manager
Ms L Coughlan, Solicitor

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absences were received from County Borough Councillor J. Elliott.

16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests in matters pertaining to the agenda

17 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the meeting of the Llwydcoed Crematorium Joint Committee held on 14th October 2022.

18 REPORT OF THE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES MANAGER

The Bereavement Services Manager provided Members with Statistics and Performance figures relating to the operation of the Crematorium since the last meeting. Members questioned whether construction on the Heads of the Valleys Road is having an impact on the Crematorium's Statistics and Performance figures.

In addition, the Bereavement Services Manager reported to Members on the completion of refurbishment works at Llwydcoed Crematorium. Members were

pleased to hear that the improved works has been well received.

Following consideration of the information contained within the report of the Bereavement Services Manager it was **RESOLVED**;

To note the Statistics and Performance figures contained within the report relating to the operation of the Crematorium since the last meeting.

19 REVIEW OF THE REDISTRIBUTION OF ANNUAL SURPLUSES

The Service Director, Finance and Improvement Services provided Members with key information relating to the review of the arrangement in place for the redistribution of annual surpluses held by the Llwydcoed Crematorium Joint Committee, in line with its decision on 10th December 2019 for the approach to be reviewed on a three-yearly basis.

Members reflected on the current arrangement, given the expected lifespan of the cremators the current arrangement would generate sufficient reserves for their replacement; and the redistribution of annual surpluses would be welcomed by both authorities considering the financial challenges currently facing.

Following consideration of the report, it was **RESOLVED**;

1. To approve the continuation of the redistribution of annual surpluses generated by the Llwydcoed Crematorium Joint Committee, as set out in Sections 4 and 5 of this report; and
2. Subject to 1, authorise the Director of Finance and Digital Services to continue to make the necessary financial arrangements for the redistribution.

20 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT FOR PERIOD 8 2022/23

The Service Director, Finance and Improvement Services provided Members with the Period 8 Budget Monitoring Update 2022/23.

Members commented, all services are facing recruitment pressures at the present time, the current climate on the Statistics and Performance figures are below expected; but are confident that this Committee's investment will have an influence.

Following consideration of the report, it was **RESOLVED**;

1. Members note the report. And;
2. Members note and approve the Period 8 Budget Monitoring Update 2022/23 (Appendix 1).

21 URGENT BUSINESS

No Urgent Business

This meeting closed at 2.15 pm

**Councillor A Crimmings
Chair.**