



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

LLWYDCOED CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2023

REPORT OF BEREAVEMENT SERVICES MANAGER & REGISTRAR

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update committee on performance at Llwydcoed crematorium.
- 1.2 To provide information regarding the recent Carol Service which was held on the 2nd December, 2023, which coincided with the launch of “Letters to Heaven” initiative at Llwydcoed Crematorium.
- 1.3 To provide details of the report of the Federation of Burials and Cremation Authorities (FBCA) following a recent inspection at Llwydcoed Crematorium.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Consider the updates provided within the report
- 2.2 Subject to Members comment, note the content of the report.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Provide up to date information about the crematorium to Joint Committee Members.

4. PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

- 4.1 The table below provides Members with the Statistics and Performance of the Crematorium.

Cremations	
1970-2020	57580
2021	1409
2022	1265
Jan – Mar 2023	375
Apr – June 2023	308
July - Sept 2023	288
Oct 2023	108
Nov 2023	92
Total to date	61425
Year to 31 March 2024	
Adults	792
Children	2
Stillbirths	2
NVF's	65
Body organs	0
Scattered	11
Interred	84
Released	701
Applications for memorials	
Book of Remembrance	11
Memorial Cards	0
Plaques on Plots	131
Plaques in Garden	1
Rose Bushes	3
Memorial Leaves	11

5 LETTERS TO HEAVEN INITIATIVE / REMBRANCE SERVICE

- 5.1 The Annual Carol Service of Remembrance was held on Saturday 2nd December and was well attended and looks to be growing in popularity.
- 5.2 We were fortunate to have Ynysowen Male Voice Choir in attendance and we are most grateful that they have volunteered to attend future services.
- 5.3 In conjunction with the concert the 'Letter to Heaven' initiative was launched to coincide with the annual carol service of Remembrance.
- 5.4 The white post box is situated at the entrance to the babies memorial garden and was unveiled during the remembrance survey.

5.5 This initiative has been well received.

6 FEDERATION OF BURIALS AND CREMATION AUTHORITIES.

6.1 Llwydcoed Crematorium recently underwent inspection by FBCA

6.2 The full report is attached as Appendix 1 of the report.

6.3 In summary the crematorium performed very well gaining an overall score of 97.4%. The inspector did not make any recommendations in terms of amendments to our practices or processes and commended the staff.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers

Appendix 1
Crematorium Compliance Scheme Report
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