

Bereavement Working Party
Monday, 16th July, 2007 at 4.30 p.m. for 5.00 p.m.
Bereavement Services Office, Birchfield Road, Widnes

A G E N D A

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- 2. Cemetery provision for 2015 and beyond**
- 3. Burial Law and Policy in the 21st Century – The way forward**
- 4. Any other business**
- 5. Date and time of next meeting**

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NOTES

Present: Councillor Mrs. L. Redhead, Councillor Mrs. M. Lloyd-Jones, Mr. J. Downes, Mrs. M. Carter. Mrs. D. Philbin

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor G. Swift

2. Cemetery provision for 2015 and beyond

JD informed the Group of the present position regarding the availability of new grave space within the Borough's cemeteries.

The Group discussed the merits of the various options for ensuring the longer-term provision of new grave space to meet the needs of the Borough's residents.

3. Burial Law and Policy in the 21st Century – the way forward

JD informed the Group that the Government issued the document "Burial Law and Policy in the 21st Century – the way forward" in June 2006. The key areas addressed by the document were discussed and members will be informed as more detailed information is issued by the Ministry of Justice in the months / years ahead.

4. Any Other Business

JD informed the Group that the headstone safety programme was well under way with general acceptance from the public. However, some letters of complaint were printed in the press in May 2007 with a response given by the Council printed the following week.

MC informed the Group of the continued vandalism that was being experienced to the public toilets in Widnes Cemetery. A discussion followed in this regard and it was agreed that the situation be monitored.

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To be advised.