

CENTRAL DURHAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee held in the Town Hall, Spennymoor, on Wednesday 31 October, 2007, commencing at 5.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors R G Dickie, J Marr, A L Thomson, F Walker, Mrs J L Wood, and Ms C A Woods

Councillor J Marr in the Chair

2174 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Southwell and Reynolds.

2175 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July, 2007, and the Special Meeting on 3 October, 2007, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT AND REGISTRAR

2176 CREMATIONS

The Superintendent and Registrar reported the number of cremations for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 September 2007. These were 514 (+ 11 NVF), an increase of 5 on the same period in the previous year. The total of 514 (+ 11 NVF) included 367 from outside the area of the Joint Committee, with the remaining total being 147 for Durham City.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

2177 MEMORIAL GARDEN – SALE OF VASE BLOCKS AND PLAQUES

The Superintendent & Registrar reported that during the period 1 July 2007 and 30 September 2007, the following Vase Blocks and Memorial Plaques had been sold:

	<u>Nos Sold</u>
Vase Blocks	7
Large Plaques	22
Small Plaques	<u>4</u>
Total	<u>33</u>

Financial Information – (Net of V.A.T.)

Vase Blocks	2,912.75
Large Plaques	6,160.30
Small Plaques	707.92
Total	<u>9,780.97</u>

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

2178 INFLUENZA PANDEMIC – PLANNING

(Minute Nos 2083 (26th April 2006) 2104 (19th July 2006) 2121 (25th October 2006) 2136 (17th January 2007) and 2166 (25th July 2007) refer).

The Training Modules had now been delivered and training had been arranged to begin on Thursday 15 November 2007.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

2179 MEMORIAL GARDEN PHASE III

(Minute Nos 2086 (26th April 2006) 2105 (19th July 2006) 2122 (25th October 2006) 2137 (17th January 2007) and 2167 (25th July 2007) refer).

The Memorial Garden Building works had continued with minimal interruption and were expected to be completed by the due date, 20th November 2007. It was hoped that Memorials would be available in the new Garden from May 2008 when the fees for the plaques had been agreed. In order to keep the profile of the Crematorium and the new phase of the Memorial Garden high, it was proposed to invite the National President of the Federation of British Burial & Cremation Authorities, and the President of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management, to an opening ceremony.

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent & Registrar be authorised to make the necessary arrangements for a suitable opening ceremony for the new phase of the Memorial Garden.

2180 LIFE AND SOUL GARDEN

(Minute Nos 2151 (25th April 2007) and 2168 (25th July 2007) refers)

Site meetings had been held with Finchale College, Durham Crematorium and the City of Durham Council and the exact position of the Life and Soul Garden had been agreed. The installation of the Garden was expected to take place during November 2007.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The meeting terminated at 5.40 pm.

Chairman