

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PENNARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL BURIAL GROUND
COMMITTEE HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2022 VIA ZOOM AT 7.05 PM**

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All votes will be named votes

Present: Cllr Jeff Rogers AR (Chair), Cllr Malcolm Sims MS, Cllr Sally Rogers SR, Cllr Arthur Rogers AR, Cllr Susan Rodaway SER, Cllr Wes Weeks WW, Clerk

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Jean Marnell due to family commitments, Cllr Darran Hickery due to work commitments, Cllr Ralph Cook who is attending a Pennard Parish Hall Meeting,
It was resolved to accept the above apologies

Proposed by JR seconded by MS agreed by the SR and AR, 1 against SER, 1 abstention WW.

Cllr Rodaway ask that it be noted that the reason for her vote against the apologies was not against work and family commitments which are often unavoidable but that any meeting of Council must take precedent over another committee meeting as we receive a summons to a Council meeting.

Declarations of Interest: None

Questions from the Public (limited to 10 minutes): None

1. To consider the investment options for the planned burial ground expansion fund.

Cllr Jeff Rogers explained that the expansion fund, which would be added to each year, was to enable a future administration to obtain land somewhere in the Ward, when the current burial ground was full, in say 25 to 30 years' time. Cllr Arthur Rogers had looked at several banks and building societies who offered low risk investment, his findings were:

Cambridge Building Society – 0.2% interest savings account, no term, no notice

Charity Bank – 0.75% interest 3 year bond

Lloyds Bank - 0.1% interest 3 year bond

Monmouthshire Building Society – 0.5% interest 90 day notice

Nationwide Building Society – 0,3% interest 1 year bond

The merits of all were discussed, it was felt that investment length and notice was not an issue.

2. To agree the most suitable investment option for the planned burial ground expansion fund for recommendation to the Finance and Employment Committee.

During the discussion Cllr Weeks reported he had spoken with the owner of the field next to the burial ground to inform her of the expansion plans. Cllr Rogers told him no plans existed and would not, for some 25 to 30 years and that no land had been considered at this time, therefore such a discussion was unnecessary and inappropriate Cllr Rodaway also expressed concerns that Cllr Weeks had spoken to a member of the public without having all the facts to hand which could be damaging to the Council, Cllr Weeks disagreed and continued to speak over her, the Chair asked the Clerk to mute Cllr Weeks on the system, to allow Cllr Rodaway to be heard. Cllr Weeks subsequently left the meeting.

Cllr Weeks left the meeting at 7.30.

The committee returned to the discussion, it was agreed that the choice should be an ethical investment and based on that decision it was proposed that the Chair of Burial Ground and the Chair of Finance and Employment in conjunction with the Clerk would make recommendation of the most suitable investment option for the planned burial ground expansion fund to the next meeting of Full Council.

Proposed by JR seconded by SER agreed by all

The meeting closed at 7.35pm