

**Minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting held on
Thursday 20th September 2012
in the Committee Room, Clayport Street Alnwick at 6.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs K Gray (Chairman) S Allcroft, J Bell and D Farrar.

In attendance: Cllr Symmonds and W Batey, Chief Officer and Town Clerk.

CEM 12/1. Apologies: Cllr K. Moore.

CEM 12/2. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

CEM 12/3. Current Budget Position

The clerk circulated the current budget for the Committee as at 17th September 2012 and this was examined line by line. Expenditure was currently £18,920 and income was £12,971. Income from fees was currently on budget and some expenditure heads such as rates/water rates and machine repairs were showing slight savings. It was agreed to provide a breakdown of burials and fees for the next meeting.

RESOLVED: To receive the update.

CEM 12/4. Completed and Outstanding Works Update

The clerk explained that quotes would be sought for the completion of the path in the current section and the repairs to the tarmac entrance/driveway. The Chairman suggested that the consecration of the new burial area should be progressed as this may take some time to organise. The clerk agreed to look into the process. The planting of the hedge at the back of Cawledge View could be considered for next spring. Councillor Farrar was keen to look at establishing an area for green burials, it was explained that this may be possible in the new area. To obtain more information and to be aware of options it was suggested that a visit may be possible to another green burial site.

RESOLVED: To receive the update.

CEM 12/5. Any Other Business

- a) Cllr Gray suggested that it would be worthwhile to have a committee visit to the cemetery. This was organised for Friday 5th October at 6pm. It was also suggested that Mrs Marjorie Brown has much useful information and history about the cemetery and trees and this was worth exploring further and perhaps arranging a visit with her in the spring.
- b) Councillors were in agreement to undertake another tree survey in the cemetery as it was 2 years since the last one.

The meeting closed at 7.07pm