

MARGAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

(Acting with Plenary Powers)

Members Present:

16 February 2024

Chairperson: Councillor E.Latham

**Representing Neath
Port Talbot County
Borough Council:** Councillors A.Dacey, R.G.Jones, S.Jones and
E.V.Latham

**Representing
Bridgend County
Council:** Councillors P.Davies and M.Kearn

**Officers in
Attendance:** H.Jones, C.Griffiths, C.Phillips, C.Langdon and
N.Jones

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 7th December 2023, were agreed as an accurate record.

3. **FEES FOR SATURDAY SERVICES AT MARGAM CREMATORIUM**

Officers gave an overview of the report Fees for Saturday Service at Margam Crematorium

Officers explained that there has been an overall steady increase in the service over the years, the latest figures over 2023/24 April – December there had been 23 Saturday Services.

Officers asked members do you wish to retain the Saturday charge at the current rate, remove it or do you wish to amend it (increase or decrease it)

Resolved: That the Joint Committee reduce the additional fee for Saturdays to £175 and agree a cap on the number of Saturday services of three, subject to a review in six months' time.

4. **UPDATE ON WORKS IDENTIFIED IN MARGAM CREMATORIUM SERVICE LEVEL BUSINESS PLAN 2023/2024**

Officers explained that there is an error on the report title, it relates to a report that has been undertaken by the federation of burial and cremation authorities.

Officers explained that a report would be brought back to the committee in the next couple of months, this is in relation to Faithful and Gould and to give the committee an update on the types of issues that are considered and will then decide collectively as a committee how to move forward with this.

Members asked if they could have an updated report on the schemes of work (refurbishment) that the committee have authorised and approved for the next meeting.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

5. **CREMATION FIGURES FOR JULY 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023**

Officers gave an update on the Cremation Figures for July 2023 to December 2023, and highlighted that the figures were more or less the same, apart for July 2023, there were 157 cremations.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

6. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were none.

CHAIRPERSON