

MARGAM JOINT CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT & REGISTRAR

26TH JUNE 2015

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED:

All

FILMING OF FUNERALS AT MARGAM CREMATORIUM

Purpose of Report

To seek Members' approval to amend the policy in relation to filming of funerals at Margam Crematorium.

Background

Over the past few years we have received numerous requests from families to record or video stream funerals. The current policy is that filming be confined to the exterior of the Crematorium. The following reasons have been given when requesting permission:

- 1, Family members including children & grandchildren living abroad and are unable to return for the funeral service.
- 2, Elderly partners or parents etc unable to attend funeral services due to ill health.
- 3, Families wanting to record services for posterity, or to show absent family members.

The provision for recording and video streaming will be dealt with in the Crematorium Business plan. However, the policy to allow filming in the chapel needs to be reviewed. There is no doubt that further requests will be received.

It would be prudent to ensure that properly recorded written consent is given by the family and there should be appropriate consultation between the funeral director and any person conducting a service before any application is made to film. The consent will be for one recording to be made on behalf of the family

and it would not be a general consent for anyone in the service to record. Delegated power should be given to the Superintendent to regulate filming on the day. An indication should be given at the start of the service that it was being recorded at the request of the family.

Appendices

None

Recommendation

1. That the Superintendent be given delegated authority to approve filming of funerals at Margam Crematorium.
2. The Superintendent shall consider consent on a written application made by a funeral director acting with the consent of the family and following consultation by the funeral director with any person conducting a service of ceremony.
3. That the consent only extends to one recording made on behalf of the family.
4. That an announcement be made before the commencement of the service or ceremony that the funeral is being recorded on behalf of the family.

Reason for Proposed Decision

To enable Members to make a decision on a revised policy in relation to filming at the Crematorium.

List of Background Papers

None

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