

MARGAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

2 December 2022

REPORT OF THE TREASURER – HUW JONES

MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

FEES AND CHARGES 2022/23 AND 2023/24

1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of the report is to set out the Margam Crematorium Joint Committee proposed fees and charges for 2022/23 and 2023/24.

2. Fee Changes 2022/23

- 2.1 A fee reduction for the Cremation only service is proposed following correspondence with funeral directors in relation to the fee charged at Margam Crematorium in comparison to other Crematoria. It is proposed that the charge be reduced by £62 to £455 effective from 1st January 2023.
- 2.2 It is proposed that all other fees and charges remain the same for the 2022/23 financial year.

3. Fees and Charges 2023/24

- 3.1 It is proposed that fees and charges relating to Cremation fees and ancillary services charges 1[a] through to 1[f] are increased from 1st April 2023 by a rate of 3%. An increase is proposed to assist with meeting increases in energy costs and other inflationary increases.
- 3.2 To enable members to consider the impact of this proposed increase, information is also included at Appendix 1 to demonstrate the effect that a 1% and 5% increase may also bring.

3.3 Members should note that this is the first fee increase since 1st April 2019. The proposed cremation charge for adults with an increase of 3% is £648.50, which sees Margam Crematorium remain the lowest charge in Wales as of the date of this report. Appendix 1 shows the proposed fees and charges for 2023/24 and the additional comparators for cremation fee increases.

4. Recommendations

It is recommended that the fees and charges as set out in Appendix 1 are agreed for 2022/23 with a 3% increase agreed for 2023/24.

5. Reasons for Proposed Decision

To set the 2023/24 charges for Margam Crematorium.

6. Implementation of Decision

The decision to reduce the Cremation only fee is proposed for implementation from 1st January 2023.

The decision to increase fees and charges for 2023/24 is proposed for implementation from 1st April 2023.

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Details of the proposed fees and charges for 2023/24.

8. List of Background Papers

Margam Crematorium Financial Records.

9. Officer Contact

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Appendix 1

Margam Crematorium – Proposed Fees and charges

General		2022/23	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24
1.	Cremation fees and ancillary services		1%	3%	5%
[a]	Stillborn child or child up to and including 17 years	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
[bi]	Aged over 17 years, including certificate of cremation	£630.50	£636.50	£648.50	£662.00
[bii]	Aged over 17 years, without certificate of cremation	£617.00	£623.00	£635.00	£648.50
[c]	Additional charge for Saturday cremation	£346.00	£349.00	£356.00	£363.00
[d]	Double cremation (2 adults at one service)	£1,246.00	£1,258.00	£1,282.00	£1,309.00
[e]	Cremation only at 9am (weekdays only)	£517.00	£455.00	£455.00	£455.00
[f]	Memorial service	£175.00	£177.00	£180.00	£184.00
NB	The above fees in 1[b]i & 1[c] include all services relating to a cremation.				
	The concession under 1[a] may be coupled with 1[c] or 6 below if required.				
2.	Certificate of cremation (additional)	£13.50	£13.50	£13.50	£13.50
3.	Extract from register	£12.00	£12.00	£12.00	£12.00
4.	Temporary deposit of cremated remains (after 1 month)	£32.50	£32.50	£32.50	£32.50
5.	Disposal of cremated remains from other crematoria	£44.00	£44.00	£44.00	£44.00
6.	Service in chapel with organ and organist or extra 20 minutes	£31.50	£31.50	£31.50	£31.50
7.	Service in chapel with organ and organist or extra 20 minutes (Sat)	£43.00	£43.00	£43.00	£43.00
8.	Witness burial of cremated remains				
	- Weekdays	£45.00	£45.00	£45.00	£45.00
	- Saturdays	£62.00	£62.00	£62.00	£62.00
9.	Urns and caskets				
[a]	Wooden casket	£36.50	£13.50	£13.50	£13.50
[b]	Bronze metal urn	£26.50	£12.00	£12.00	£12.00
[c]	Plain burgundy cardboard container	£15.50	£32.50	£32.50	£32.50
[d]	Large white cardboard container	£18.50	£44.00	£44.00	£44.00
[e]	Medium white cardboard container	£14.00	£31.50	£31.50	£31.50

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Remembrance	2022/23	2023/24
1. Inscriptions in book of remembrance		
Two lines	£37.00	£37.00
Five lines	£55.50	£55.50
Eight lines	£74.00	£74.00
Floral emblem/Service badge	£42.50	£42.50
Coat of arms	£53.50	£53.50
2. Miniature book of remembrance		
Two lines	£56.50	£56.50
Five lines	£72.50	£72.50
Eight lines	£79.00	£79.00
Floral emblem/Service badge	£42.50	£42.50
Coat of arms	£53.50	£53.50
Additional lines	£11.00	£11.00
2a. Additional inscriptions in miniature book		
Two lines	£29.50	£29.50
Five lines	£39.50	£39.50
Eight lines	£48.50	£48.50
3. Memorial card		
Two lines	£19.00	£19.00
Five lines	£28.00	£28.00
Eight lines	£37.00	£37.00
4. Reservation of vases		
Window vase	£7.50	£7.50
Altar vase	£9.00	£9.00
5. Additional charges		
Copy of crematorium brochure	Nil	Nil
Replacement aluminium vase	£11.00	£11.00
Service of remembrance	£8.00	£8.00
6. Memorial kerb plaque in garden of remembrance (horseshoe path section)		
Plaque and inscription for 10 year lease	£331.50	£331.50
Plaque and inscription for 20 year lease	£596.50	£596.50
Renewal of lease for further 10 years	£183.50	£183.50
Renewal of lease for further 20 years	£331.50	£331.50

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Remembrance (continued)	2022/23	2023/24
7. Memorial kerb plaque in garden of remembrance		
Plaque and inscription for 10 year lease	£449.00	£449.00
Plaque and inscription for 20 year lease	£816.00	£816.00
Renewal of lease for further 10 years	£183.50	£183.50
Renewal of lease for further 20 years	£331.50	£331.50
8. Baby memorial kerb plaque in children's garden of remembrance		
Plaque and inscription for 10 year lease	£183.50	£183.50
Plaque and inscription for lease of 20 years	£331.50	£331.50
Renewal of lease for further 10 years	£183.50	£183.50
Replacement plaque (existing lease) for all memorial kerbs	£166.00	£166.00
9. Granite memorial benches (3 Plaque per bench)		
Price per plaque per bench - 10 year lease	£612.00	£612.00
Price for whole bench (3 plaques) - 10 year lease	£1,632.00	£1,632.00
Price per plaque per bench - 20 year lease	£1,101.50	£1,101.50
Price for whole bench (3 plaques) - 20 year lease	£3,060.00	£3,060.00

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Media Charges	2021/22	2022/23
1. Webcasting	£55.50	£55.50
2. Recordings		
Downloadable link	£30.00	£30.00
Downloadable link with tribute embedded	£55.00	£55.00
DVD/USB	£55.50	£55.50
DVD/USB with tribute embedded	£74.50	£74.50
3. Visual Tributes		
Single hold image	£19.00	£19.00
Family video	£24.00	£24.00
Downloadable file of tribute/slideshow	£24.00	£24.00
DVD/USB of tribute	£33.50	£33.50
Urgent orders	£120.00	£120.00
4. Visual Tributes/Slideshow		
Slideshow with NO music max of 25 images	£42.00	£42.00
For every additional band of 25 images	£24.00	£24.00
Slideshow WITH music max of 25 images	£80.00	£80.00
For every additional band of 25 images	£24.00	£24.00

Cremation Price Comparison as at 24th November 2022

Margam Crematorium	£631	(incl. of cert. contain & organ)
Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend	£746	(incl. of cert. and organist)
Llanelli Crematorium (Private)	£950	(incl. of certif. and organist)
Narberth	£749	(incl. of cert. contain & organ)
Swansea Crematorium	£765	(incl. of cert. contain & organ)