

**7<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

## **Crematorium Matters – Manager’s Report**

### **Update from Previous Minutes**

#### **Solar Panels**

No developments – surveyors department still investigating.

### **Achievements**

The replacement flower area cover for Aspen Chapel has been ordered after the procurement process. Installation will be completed by the end of March. The first cremator re-line will be carried out at the same time to minimize the period of noise disruption which is being managed by a closure of Aspen chapel.

### **Staffing**

One of the three technicians has tendered his resignation, effective at the end of March. The recruitment process is underway.

The lead medical referee (a statutory post) is retiring in April. It is unclear whether an existing deputy will take on the role or whether a replacement will be sought.

### **Metals Recycling Charity Award**

Over and Above (maternity bereavement suite) has been nominated for the next award (July) as previously agreed. Subsequent nomination list:

#### **Clarity**

**North Devon Cancer Care Centre Trust**

**Families in Grief**

**North Devon Children’s Holiday Foundation**

**North Devon Hospice**

**Cruse**

**Children’s Hospice SW**

**Over and Above (North Devon Hospital – Maternity Unit Bereavement Suite)**

Two additional requests have been received to be added to the scheme:

- 1) The Calvert Trust who provide outdoor experiences on Exmoor to those with life limiting and terminal conditions. Activities are fully accessible and include sailing, carriage driving recumbent cycling, archery, abseiling. Whole families are supported and can attend together with the main guest and as a consequence they provide a boost to all those affected by the conditions. Members are asked to consider including the Calvert Trust for an award.
- 2) Over and Above have made a request for a further award on the basis that they support multiple projects simultaneously. Their latest project is to raise funds to build a new Cancer and Wellbeing Centre. The new centre will extend support to North Devon patients who are not being treated in Exeter (who have their own unit for RDE patients only). It will offer counselling, bereavement support, complimentary facilities, support group, accommodation for visitors etc. Once set up the ongoing costs will be £120k p.a.

The committee are asked to consider whether to approve adding either or both these applications, reviewing existing nominations if they consider necessary.

## Cremation Figures

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
<b>April</b>	125	109	102	161	125	139	163	117	150	121
<b>May</b>	90	111	123	117	135	118	126	138	136	137
<b>June</b>	103	129	116	102	123	143	125	129	127	127
<b>July</b>	99	107	111	121	106	111	126	142	133	128
<b>Aug</b>	83	116	106	117	100	109	114	120	106	118
<b>Sept</b>	111	88	104	107	122	127	121	127	106	114
<b>Oct</b>	97	102	101	98	125	140	127	137	132	129
<b>Nov</b>	115	116	129	96	120	108	157	135	127	115
<b>Dec</b>	107	88	100	98	120	128	123	131	119	113
<b>Jan</b>	169	143	159	164	142	131	158	182	169	147
<b>Feb</b>	140	127	121	116	154	136	137	175	143	
<b>Mar</b>	117	132	144	127	157	151	162	164	145	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1356</b>	<b>1368</b>	<b>1416</b>	<b>1424</b>	<b>1529</b>	<b>1541</b>	<b>1639</b>	<b>1697</b>	<b>1593</b>	

## Garden Improvements 2020/21

For detail of the proposals please see the 'Gardeners Report – 2020/21 Projects'.

The replacement oak structure listed above in achievements cost significantly more than the quote previously obtained due to a near doubling of oak costs. The deteriorating condition of the existing structure meant delay was not possible. It was therefore decided to delay the new covered area for Rowan flower area (sails) and incorporate that element into this year's proposals.

It is proposed to focus primarily on improving/widening paths and removing flood risks. As above, the next priority will be to improve the mourners' experience by retaining the Rowan exit improvements from last year. And lastly some works to improve boundary security in view of imminent Larkbear development, taking the opportunity to create new memorial opportunities by adding new beds.

The committee are asked to approve these proposals.

Section	Element	Works	Priority	Cost (plus 15% prelims/contingency)	Cumulative cost
Painters	Footpaths /drainage	Upgrade surface	1	£13,000	<b>£13,000</b>

Back Stretch	Footpath	Upgrade Surface	1	£8280	<b>£21,280</b>
Composers	Footpaths	Upgrade Surface	1	£23,000	<b>£44,280</b>
Rowan Exit area	Shelter	Install sail shelters (rain/wind/sun)	2	£13,500	<b>£57,780</b>
Authors /Royals	Hedges	Remove hedge, new fence and memorial beds	2	£9343	<b>£67,123</b>

## Larkbear Development – Traffic Management

Devon County Council have indicated that they intended to remind the developers in late January 2020 that they have until June 2020 (9 months from 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 when planning was approved) to apply for, achieve approval and execute the approved highways scheme works. At this stage no TRO application has been put forward for consultation.

## Cameo

The application for the 2019 round of CAMEO (mercury abatement scheme) has been submitted on the basis of 1524 abated cremations. There were 1616 abated cremations in 2018.