

Wigton Burial Joint Committee – Minutes of meeting held 22nd October, 2025

In attendance:

Councillor Mary Clark (Chair)
Councillor Mary Huntington
Councillor Tony Huntington (Vice Chair)
Councillor William Marrs
Councillor John Hamblin
Councillor Shane McCarthy
Councillor George Girvan
Councillor John Mattinson

27. Apologies

None

28. Minutes of the Wigton Burial Joint Committee

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 1st October, 2025 – **Approved** and duly signed by the Chair

29. Declarations of Interest

None

30. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Agenda Item 7 (part of)

31. Public Participation

None

32. Service Level Agreements

The service level agreements for grave digging and grave levelling with Tivoli were reviewed and duly signed by the Chair. The clerk will return the signed agreements to Tivoli.

33. Budget for 2026-27

The budget monitoring report and forecast position predicted for 31st March 2025 was considered, along with the proposed budget. Each budget line was considered with several amendments made with earmarked reserves being reviewed.

A major issue facing the committee is works required to the cemetery walls which will be a major project spanning several years. Cllr Marrs provided an estimate of the cost of 20 metres of wall repair. It was agreed that members seek 3 quotes so that work could begin on the East Wall which has been identified as a priority.

RESOLVED that the funding requirement from the councils is £13,133.00.

34. Updates

- GG - Cenotaph – 3 sides out of 4 now completed. MC – The Bereavement Officer of Cumberland Council had relayed she had received numerous favourable comments of late about the appearance of the cemetery grounds.

- TH – Suggested inviting all members of the three councils to an “open day” once works to the cenotaph were completed. Suggested perhaps on Remembrance Day. All in agreement.
- Clerk to begin work on Press Release.

Meeting Closed 8.25pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday, 25th November, 2025 at 7pm

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