

**STRATEGIC CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIUM  
DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP**

**Minutes of Meeting of 18th April, 2018**

Members Present: Alderman Rodgers (Chairperson); and  
Councillors O'Neill and Carson

In Attendance: Mrs. S. Toland, Assistant Director, City and  
Neighbourhood Services  
Mrs. C. Sullivan, Policy and Business Development  
Officer;  
Ms S. Kalke, Project Sponsor,  
Mr. M. Patterson, Bereavement Services Manager; and  
Mr. G. Graham, Democratic Services Assistant.

**Apologies**

An apology was reported on behalf of Alderman Sandford.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 14th March, 2018 were taken as read and signed as correct.

**Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of Interest were reported.

**Update on Permanent Memorial to mark  
Plot Z1 in the City Cemetery**

The Project Sponsor provided the Working Group with an update on the tender process in regard to the commissioning of a stonemason to design, produce and install a memorial in respect of the Plot Z1 in the City Cemetery. As a result of the tendering process, the Working Group was advised that 'Making Marks' had been selected to undertake the work and that a meeting had taken place between the sculptor and the Focus Group on 12th April, 2017 to discuss the details in relation to the design of the memorial.

The Project Sponsor provided the Members with a timetable schedule to undertake the preparatory work prior to the public consultation exercise. She provided the Working Group with a range of options to progress the matter as quickly as possible stating that, to progress a decision through the normal Council decision making process, would require the consultation process to be extended until September 2018.

The Working Group noted the information provided and aware of the need to progress the matter as quickly as possible, agreed that a report on the proposed design of the memorial be presented to the meeting of the People and Communities Committee scheduled to take place on 5th June, 2018, with the final design being presented to the Working Group for sign off, prior to its production and installation.

**Update on Request to Film at the City of Belfast Crematorium**

The Bereavement Services Manager advised the Working Group that a request had been received by 'Snowed-In' productions requesting permission to film a historical drama at Roselawn Crematorium. He provided the Working Group with background

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information in respect of the production company and the context under which the film would be set. The Members were advised that the Crematorium had been chosen by the film company because of its 1960s architectural design which was in keeping with the period under which the drama had been set.

The Working Group considered the request and noted its previous decision to refuse a similar request to film at the Crematorium. The Working Group agreed that the matter to be referred to the People and Communities Committee for its consideration.

### **Update on Anti-Social Behaviour at Falls Park and the City Cemetery**

The Assistant Director provided the Working Group with an update on the measures taken by the Council to address the issue of anti-social behaviour in Falls Park and the City Cemetery. She provided an outline of the collaborative work undertaken by the P.S.N.I. and the West Belfast District Policing Community Safety Partnership in the development of a six week trial working with a number of outreach teams and local youth providers.

She stated that since February 2018, local youth providers including Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi, St Teresa's and Matt Talbot had undertaken a trial programme working on Friday and Saturday evenings in the affected areas, to provide guidance and alternative forms of recreation for young people, in an endeavour to deal with the anti-social problems in the respective locations. She highlighted the objectives of the intervention programme in regard to the provision of support provided for young people, including the building of constructive relationships as a means to educate young people on the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

Noted.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The Working Group agreed that its next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 2nd May at 4.30 p.m.

Chairperson