

LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANCARFAN



St Cadoc's Burial Ground RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Notice of Burial is to be given to the Clerk to the Council, on forms provided for that purpose, at least six clear days before the intended burial, exclusive of Sunday - emergencies excepted.
2. The Certificate of the Death of the person to be buried, or the Coroner's Certificate (when an inquest has been held), must be delivered to the Clerk to the Council at such burial. The undertaker or other person having charge of any funeral is required to arrange with the officiating Minister, or authorised person, to be present to perform any religious service thereat.
3. All fees and charges are to be paid to the Clerk to the Council at the time the notice is given.
4. No burial shall take place before 10 O'clock in the forenoon, after 5.00 p.m. from Lady Day (25 March) to Michaelmas (29 September), or before 10 or after 4 from Michaelmas to Lady Day.
5. The time named for a funeral must be that of arrival at the Burial Ground.
6. No funeral will be allowed on Sunday, unless it be shown by the production of a Medical Certificate that the corpse cannot, for sanitary reasons, be kept until the following day.
7. No coffin shall be buried within one metre of the ordinary level of the ground.
8. All graves shall extend to the depth of at least two metres from the surface.
9. If, on re-opening any grave, the soil shall be found offensive such soil shall not be disturbed, and in no case shall human remains be removed from the grave. 10. All graves shall be excavated, opened, and re-filled by the workmen of the undertaker; all other work must be done by or at the expense of the person requiring the same, in accordance with the directions of the Council. No grave

shall be excavated to a greater depth than two metres except by special permission of the Council.

10. No head stone shall be erected over a grave that has not been purchased. 12. On the transfer of the ownership of a grave (owing to death or otherwise), such transfer must be registered, and the deed produced for endorsement before the grave can be re-opened or the stone repaired, etc. A fee may be charged for registering the transfer and endorsing the deed.
11. The purchasers of graves shall not dispose of their rights without the consent of the Council, and every transfer shall be made by the Council at the expense of the applicant.
12. All grave stones, memorials, and inscriptions are to be subject to the approval of the Council, and a copy of every inscription proposed to be placed in the ground, and a drawing showing the form and dimensions of every headstone proposed to be erected must be left at the Office of the Clerk to the Council for approval, previous to erection; and the charges for such erection paid thereon upon the permission of the Council for the erection of the same being given, and before the work is commenced. The permitted size of headstones will normally not exceed 610mm width by 900mm high (above foundation). Applications for permission to erect headstones should be made to the Clerk to the Council.
13. The headstone should be erected by a member of The National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM) and or The British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons (BRAMM)
14. Each stone must have engraved on it the number of the grave, at the expense of those who erect it.
15. Temporary wooden crosses will be permitted subject to them being removed from the Burial Ground following a period of 12 months
16. In all cases within a period of no more than 24months the surface of the grave space should be finally levelled, turfed or seeded.
17. The erection of all headstones, when commenced, shall be proceeded with from day to day until completed, or the order of erecting thereof may become void. No hewing or dressing of stones shall be permitted in the Burial Ground, and no stone, trolley or vehicle shall be allowed to remain within the ground longer than reasonably necessary for loading or unloading. All damage done, including damage to turf, by any trolley, vehicle or other machinery entering the Burial Ground shall be made good at the cost of the person committing the same.
18. All graves, must be made under the direction of the Council and all memorial stones must be subject to the Council's inspection. Main memorials shall be constructed of marble, granite, Portland stone or similar materials and shall be supplied and erected by a recognised firm of monumental masons who will be responsible for completing the necessary forms, drawings and payment of fees

as required by the Council. No ornamentation in cement or any other composition, or any erection plastered on the surface with any composition, can be permitted.

19. All memorial stones must be of the best materials, and are to be kept in repair and proper order and condition by the owners, except a special agreement be made with the Council; and if not repaired and put in order and condition after due notice, may be removed by order of the Council. If no such owner or his or her representatives can be found to whom such notice can be given, then, after advertisement in a Local newspaper, the right of such grave shall revert to the Council to be dealt with as they may deem fit.
20. All headstones shall be placed at least 300mm from the boundary of any grave spaces at head and foot, and 150mm from such boundary on each side, as to leave a passage way between the graves.
21. All memorial stones placed in the Burial Ground are at the risk of the owner of the same, and the Council will not be responsible for any damage to such stones occasioned by storm, wind, subsidence or any other cause.
22. Prior to any second or subsequent interment in a purchased plot the written consent of the owner or his representatives must be obtained, and left at the Office of the Clerk to the Council with the notice of burial.
23. The owner of any purchased ground shall not be permitted to transfer the right of burial in the same way to any person, other than relations by blood or marriage, without the consent of the Council; and any person establishing a claim to a grave space by heirship or otherwise will be furnished, if required, with a certificate or proprietorship on application to the Clerk, and on payment of the fee chargeable for a grant.
24. The Burial Ground is open to the public. All visitors will be expected to keep on the designated paths, and invariably to refrain from touching the stones or flowers, to observe perfect decorum in all respects and not cause distress or nuisance to other members of the public lawfully using the Burial Ground. No dogs will be admitted into the ground whether on a leash or not.
25. Smoking is strictly prohibited within the precincts of the Burial Ground.
26. A plan of the Burial Ground, showing the situation of each grave, with the Register of Burials, is kept at the Office of the Clerk to the Council, where searches may be made and certified extract obtained on payment of the stipulated fees.
27. Every person who shall destroy or damage any wall, building or fence belonging to this Burial Ground, or destroy or damage any tree or plant therein, or shall daub or disfigure any wall thereof, or wilfully destroy, damage or deface any inscription or gravestone, or do any other wilful damage, play at any game or

sport, or discharge fire-arms (save a military funeral) in this Burial Ground, or wilfully and unlawfully disturb any persons assembled therein for the purpose of burying any body therein, or commit any nuisance within the grounds, will be prosecuted according to law.

28. The Clerk has directions to have removed from the Burial Ground all persons infringing these Rules or otherwise misconducting themselves.
29. The Regulations of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the Secretary of State, under the Burial Acts shall be considered incorporated herewith, except where they differ to the explicit requirements of the Council.
30. The Council reserve to themselves the right from time to time to time make any alterations in these Regulations which they may deem necessary or expedient.

APPROVED at Llancarfan Community Council meeting on 20th April 2017

Cllr JHE Angel
Chairman