

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

15 June 2017

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For the period 7 April to 15 June 2017

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

The plans for the car parking spaces at Mintlyn are due to be lodged with the planning department either by the time this report is released or very soon after.

Scaffolding on the roof of the Crematorium has now been removed, there are still some snagging issues to be resolved but the builder has these on their list and they will be completed as soon as possible.

I have been able to arrange an Open Day at Mintlyn Crematorium this year on 29 July. It has been a few years since the whole building, including behind the scenes, could be viewed whilst it is not operational so with the agreement of the team it will be open on that day from 11am to 3pm. It is of interest to a wide audience and something many other Crematorium do on a regular basis but clearly only possible when there is no fear of intruding in what would normally be a family's private time.

For the last six years Mintlyn has been part of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management Recycling of Metals Scheme and receives the proceeds from the recycle of medical implants. The money raised goes to local charities whose core function is to provide bereavement related support or provide a service to the bereaved or their family. To date over £47000 has been raised through this scheme and I have been able to join the Mayor at a few presentations to various organisations within this category. This money can often be the difference to enable them to carry on their work and why local charities are chosen in preference to national ones who would generally have a wider catchment of funding streams.

The timetable of meetings in the Town Hall is gathering pace pushed ahead by the County Elections and the subsequent General Election which require lock down of the Committee Suite. A few of the meetings have raised a couple of issues but all feedback is being actioned and I would expect the settling down period to be soon over. As with all changes there is usually something that could not be foreseen but the quicker it is raised the sooner it can be addressed.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Regular meetings with Officers and Executive Directors

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Officer meetings
Cabinet meeting and Portfolio updates
Cabinet Sifting
Crematorium visit
Presentation of cheque to Kings Lynn branch of Compassionate Friends at
Mintlyn