

THE BRETBY CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Bretby Crematorium Scrutiny Panel held at Bretby Crematorium on Wednesday 18 June 2003.

PRESENT

for East Staffordshire Borough Council

Councillor Ms A White (Chairman)
Councillor T M Dawn (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Mrs S J Gent
Councillor C F Insley CBE

for South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor W Dunn
Councillor Mrs B Renwick

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R W Southern.

Officers Present

Mr P G Davies (Clerk to the Scrutiny Panel)
Mr N French (Crematorium Manager)
Mr I Marriner (Environmental Health Manager)

Also Present

Ms R McGoldrick, South Derbyshire District Council

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved:

That Councillor Ms A White be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 –
MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL**

In accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Clerk advised that there were no changes in the Membership of the Scrutiny Panel.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Resolved:

That Councillor T M Dawn be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny Panel held on 16 April 2003 were approved and signed as a correct record.

THIRD SCRUTINY PANEL REVIEW

The Crematorium Manager reported in respect of the following matters:

a) Composting

Arrangements had been made with South Derbyshire District Council for the collection of flowers, grass cuttings and other green waste from the Crematorium. The material which was being used for composting was reducing the Crematorium's contribution to landfill.

b) Sustainability Policies

The Crematorium Manager reported that he was liaising closely with both constituent authorities on current sustainability policies. He undertook to ascertain what progress other crematoria were making on this matter.

A further report would be made to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Panel.

c) Performance Indicators

The Scrutiny Panel noted that the Institute of Burial and Cremation Administration was investigating the options for national performance indicators.

The Crematorium Manager undertook to investigate the options for local performance indicators and report further to the next Meeting.

SPEAKING BY FUNERAL DIRECTOR REPRESENTATIVE AT SCRUTINY PANEL MEETINGS

The Scrutiny Panel noted that Mr Neil Durant of Ward and Brewin Funeral Services was the local representative of the Funeral Standards Council. He had enquired as to whether he could speak at Meetings of the Scrutiny Panel.

Members concurred that any such representatives attending Scrutiny Panel Meetings should be given the opportunity to comment/ask questions on issues which were pertinent to their service. Accordingly, any such representatives attending future Meetings would be given an opportunity to speak by the Chairman.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

That the next Meeting be held on 30 July 2003 at 3.00pm at Bretby Crematorium.

Chairman.

