

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 13th SEPTEMBER 2006

CEMETERY MANAGEMENT RULES UPDATE

Report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval for updated Cemetery Management Rules for public consultation.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the Community Services Committee meeting on the 29th March 2006 members approved the introduction of the British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons, (BRAMM).

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 To enable the Council to achieve the implementation date of 1st January 2007, the Cemetery Management Rules require to be updated as the existing rules refer to the Council's own Memorial Masons Registration Scheme, rather than the BRAMM scheme. Changes to Cemetery Management Rules require a period of public consultation. This consultation will be in line with the requirements of section 112 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.
- 3.2 The introduction of BRAMM will ensure that the Council continues to be at the forefront of cemetery safety initiatives. Outdoor Amenities Officers have met with those masons that are registered on the existing scheme and have delivered a Training/Awareness day which addressed many of the issues that Memorial Masons had. Every memorial mason that attended has now registered an interest in gaining accreditation under the BRAMM scheme.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There was a cost of approximately £3,000.00 to the section to set up and train our registered memorial masons and to support them in gaining accreditation. These costs will be met from existing budgets

5. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 the amended Management rules shall, subject to the approval of Committee, continue in force, unless revoked, for a period of 10 years.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Updating the management rules is in line with the decision taken by this committee on the 29th March 2006.
- 6.2 A further updated report will be placed before the committee, on 8th November 2006, detailing the outcome of the Public Consultation.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is recommended that that Committee: -
- (i) remit to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services, to liaise with colleagues in Legal Services and prepare and update the existing Cemetery Management Rules to address the issues relating to the decision to introduce BRAMM from the 1st January 2007. in line with the requirements of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982; and
 - (ii) to otherwise note the content of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Reports to Community Services Committee: - 29th March 2006
Cemetery Management Rules

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