

# **LLANDINAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## Regulations Relating to **LLANDINAM CEMETERY**

These Regulations have been resolved by the Llandinam Community Council and are effective from 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019

R C Owen - Chairperson

In these regulations :-

- a) Council means Llandinam Community Council
- b) Cemetery refers to Llandinam Cemetery
- c) Superintendent is the person appointed by the Council or at such times when there is no Superintendent, the Chairman, Vice Chairman or other such member of the Council who is appointed by the Council
- d) Grave space is the area of land where a grave has been, or will be, excavated.
- e) Grave means a burial space formed in the ground by excavation without any internal wall of brickwork, stonework or any other lining.

All persons using the Cemetery will be governed by these regulations.

### **Admission to the Cemetery**

The Cemetery will always be open to the public, but the Council reserves the right to change admission times if circumstances require a change of policy.

Visitors are reminded:

1. Not to create any disturbances or nuisance in the Cemetery.
2. Not to wilfully interfere with any burial taking place.
3. Not to wilfully interfere with any grave, memorial or flowers.
4. Not to play any game or sport in the Cemetery.
5. All dogs in the Cemetery must be on a lead.
6. Only to place flowers in the container provided in the base of the headstone for this purpose.

### **Cemetery Plan**

A plan of the Cemetery showing the situation of each grave space will be available from the Superintendent and may be examined at any reasonable time by appointment and without charge.

### **Interments**

The hour of the ceremony must be given to the Superintendent no less than forty eight hours previously. No application can be accepted on Sundays or Bank Holidays for burial. Those giving notice of interment must complete the 'Notice of Interment' form with the Superintendent. No preparatory work can be carried out in the Cemetery until the Notice has been completed and appropriate instructions issued by the Superintendent.

### **Fees**

All the appropriate fees shall be paid when notice of interment is given; an official receipt will be issued. Charges shall be payable in accordance with the Table of Fees and Charges issued by the Council.

### **Purchase of Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial**

Grave spaces shall be brought into use in strict order of progress through the part of the Cemetery currently in use for new graves. No choice can be allowed in the allocation of a new grave space for a specific interment. On payment of the appropriate fee a certificate of the 'Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial' will be issued. When the exclusive right of burial in a particular grave space has been purchased the written consent of the Purchaser or Agent may be required when notice is given to the Superintendent of another interment in the grave.

### **Funerals**

By arrangement with the Superintendent, funerals may take place at all reasonable times with the exception of Sundays, Christmas Day, Good Friday and Bank Holidays. In cases of exceptional urgency, the discretion of the Council must be sought. For all burial services the relatives or friends of the deceased must make all arrangements with the Minister intended to officiate and the Council can undertake no responsibility on this account.

There is limited parking at the Cemetery and all are asked to be mindful of this.

### **Burials**

NO BURIALS SHALL TAKE PLACE OR CREMATED ASHES INTERRED WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

No body shall be buried in a grave in such a manner that any part of the coffin is less than three feet below the level of any ground adjoining the grave, provided that the Council may, where it considers the soil to be of a suitable character, permit a coffin of perishable materials to be placed not less than two feet below the level of any ground adjoining the grave. No body shall be buried in a grave unless the coffin is effectively separated from any coffin previously interred in the grave by a layer of soil not less than six inches thick.

When any grave is re-opened for the purpose of making another burial therein, no person shall disturb any human remains interred previously or any soil which is offensive. The person in charge of the funeral must present to the Superintendent the Registrar's or Coroner's 'Certificate of Disposal' before the interment takes place.

### **Opening of Graves**

All graves shall be excavated, opened and filled by undertakers approved by the Council. No grave shall be excavated beyond the depth from time to time determined by the Council.

### **Memorials**

Any person responsible for a grave, for which exclusive rights have been purchased, may as soon as convenient after the natural subsidence of the earth has been completed, (normally twelve months) provide a memorial if they so wish, of approved manufacture suitably inscribed with details of the person/s interred. Such memorial and inscription shall be subject to regulations resolved by the Council which are published on forms of 'Application to Erect Memorial'. No vaults, grave kerbs or railings are allowed. No memorial may be admitted to the Cemetery or erected on a grave before the appropriate form has been approved. (Headstone Maximum Dimensions) Height 36" inc. Plinth, Width 30", Thickness 8" (Plinth Max Dimensions) Width 34" Plinth Depth 12"

Floral tributes and flowers that are placed on the grave after the funeral should be removed when they are seen to be decaying. If these are not removed by the owner, the burial authority may arrange for their disposal.

In certain circumstances, it may be necessary for the soil excavated from a grave being prepared for an interment, to be laid onto an adjacent grave. The burial authority will ensure that this is for the shortest time possible and any grave affected will be protected by boards on the grave and in front of any headstone. This will only occur if the soil cannot be reasonably placed elsewhere, and after the funeral, any affected grave will be fully reinstated. From time to time, the surface may be levelled after settlement.

Horizontal memorial stones can be laid on the surface in the cremation area only, and no ashes are to be spread anywhere in the cemetery.

The burial authority may take any action in relation to any tombstone or other memorial, to remove a danger which arises due to the condition of the tombstone or memorial.