

To receive an update on the Churchtown Cemetery Board and consider any actions and associated expenditure.

Report to: Burial Authority Committee

Date of Report: 22.04.25

Officer Writing the Report: Service Delivery Manager

Pursuant to: BA held on 29.10.24 minute nr. 26/24/25

Officers Recommendations

To note a timeless grave plan sign was not achievable due to key points raised and detailed in the report summary.

Report Summary

Town Council officers held discussions regarding the proposed design and installation of the Cemetery site map as per the resolution made by the Burial Authority Committee.

The proposed plan (Appendix A) aimed to provide a clear and accessible reference for members of the public to help locate the grave/cremation plots of their loved ones. The map would have included all existing and some future plots across the cemetery to be displayed on a fixed weather resistant board.

While the concept was broadly supported in principle, several concerns were raised during the planning phase. The required size of the plan to fit any future plots makes the location of the plan difficult and would be in a detriment to its surroundings.

Key issues included:

- **Cost implications:** The initial setup, installation, design, and production of a durable and weather-resistant map were projected to be significant, with additional expenses expected for any potential future changes.
- **Ongoing maintenance:** Regular updates to reflect new interments, as well as repairs due to weathering or vandalism, would require dedicated resources and long-term financial commitment.
- **Future layout challenges:** As the cemetery continues to expand, the precise locations and configurations of future grave plots have yet to be finalized. Displaying an incomplete or frequently changing map could result in confusion or misinformation for visitors.

In light of these concerns, it was agreed that the implementation of the cemetery plot map not be pursued.

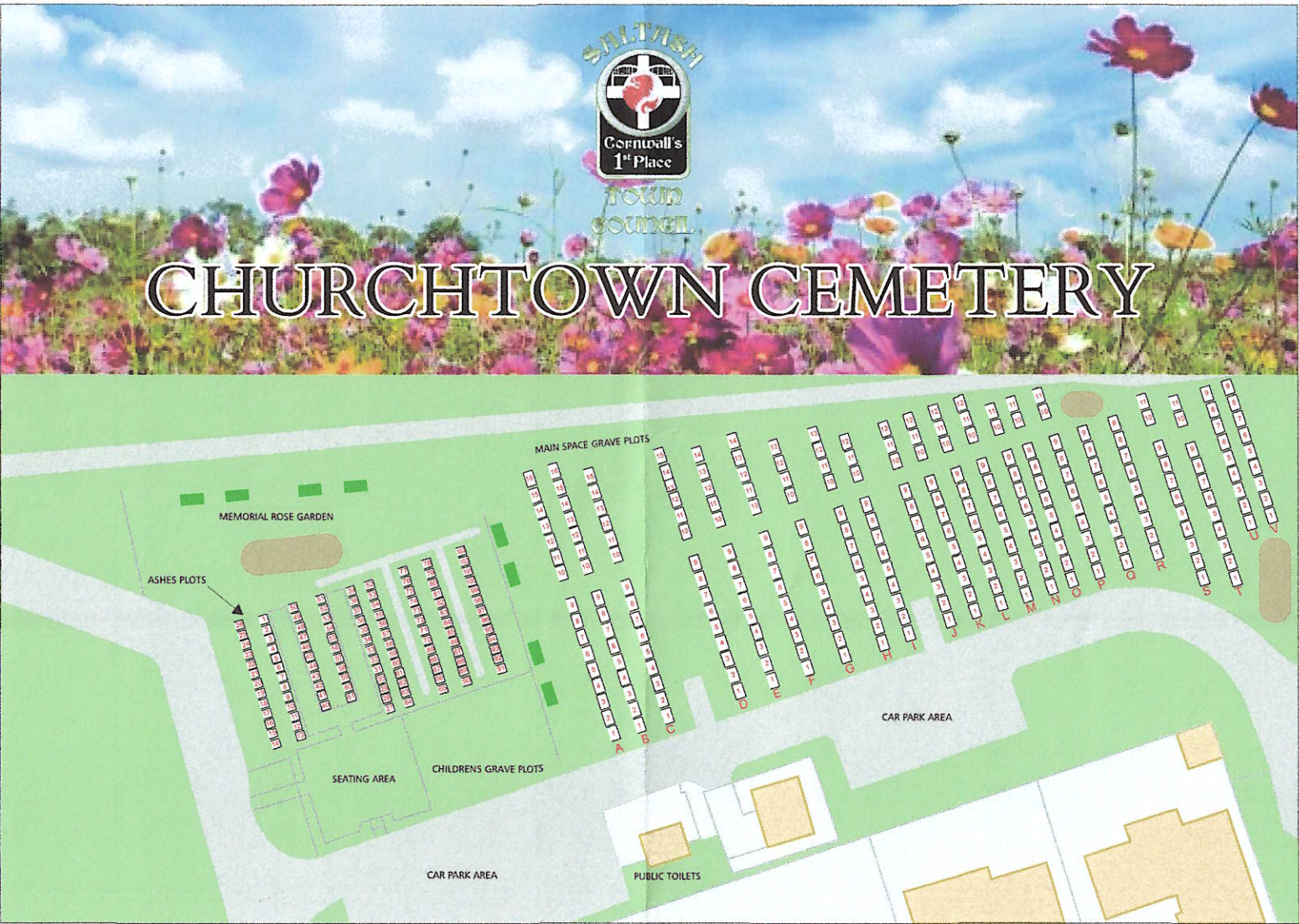
The proposal may be revisited at a later stage, once the overall layout of future grave sections has been determined and a more sustainable approach to ongoing maintenance has been identified.

Report Images

Please see attached Appendix A.

Signature of Officer:

Service Delivery Manager



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