



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Shankill Cemetery – Erection of Memorials
Date:	10 March 2011
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Stephen Walker, Principal Parks and Cemeteries Development Manager

1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>At a recent meeting arranged by a local councillor, officers received a request from members of the Shankill Historical Society for permission to erect two small memorials within the grounds of the Shankill Cemetery.</p> <p>The society wishes to commemorate the 70th anniversary of a Luftwaffe bombing raid on 15-16 April 1941 which resulted in the loss of life within the community. A diagram of the proposed structure is attached as Appendix 1 together with suggested wording.</p> <p>The second memorial relates to a commemoration to the final resting place of a Williamite soldier. The society has asked if the council would agree to the erection of a small plaque in memory of a Corporal Smith who, according to the Journal of the Very Rev Rowland Davies, LL.D, Dean of Ross, was buried in the cemetery on 16 July 1690. The plaque would be located on the boundary wall adjacent to the grave. A copy of the journal entry is attached as Appendix 2.</p>
2	Key Issues
	<p>The main issue for the committee is whether it wishes to give consent to the erection of the memorials.</p> <p>There is no significant maintenance attached to these commemorations. The society has been advised that the council will not undertake to replace the items if they are subsequently damaged through vandalism or anti social behaviour.</p> <p>It would be intended that the council include the memorial to those who</p>

	lost their lives in the bombing in 1941 be included within the insurance schedule for public liability purposes.
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3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial Implications</u> None.</p> <p><u>Human Resource Implications</u> None.</p> <p><u>Asset and other implications</u> The erection of the plaques will contribute to the heritage and historical trails within the Greater Shankill Area.</p>

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
	There are no equality or good relations implications.

5	Recommendations
	It is recommended that the committee approve the requests subject to agreement as to location between the Parks Manager and the Shankill Historical Society.

6	Decision Tracking
	All Actions to be completed by May 2011 by the City Park Manager.

7	Key to Abbreviations
	None.

8	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: Diagram of structure to commemorate 1941 Appendix 2: Extract of Journal of Very Rev. Rowland Davies, LL.D.