



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Marking of Victoria Cross Grave in Friars Bush</b>
<b>Date:</b>	16 October 2014
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure Department
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director of Parks and Leisure

<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>The Director of Parks and Leisure has received a request from the Ulster Historical Society to place a marker on the grave of Patrick Carlin, awarded a Victoria Cross and interred in an unmarked grave in Friar's Bush graveyard.</p> <p>Carlin was approximately 26 years old when he served as a private in The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's) during the Indian Mutiny, On 6 April 1858 at Azumgurh, India, he did the deed for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CITATION</u></b></p> <p><i>The Commander-in-Chief in India directs that the undermentioned Soldier, of the 13th Foot, be presented, in the name of Her Most Gracious Majesty, with a Medal of the Victoria Cross, for valour and daring in the field, viz.: Private Patrick Carlin, No 3611, of the 13th Foot, for rescuing, on the 6th of April, 1858, a wounded Naick of the 4th Madras Rifles, in the field of battle, after killing, with the Naick's sword, a mutineer sepoy, who fired at him whilst bearing off his wounded comrade on his shoulders.</i></p>

<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	<p>The Ulster Covenant Society has carried out research and believes they have uncovered the location of the grave.</p> <p>Contact has been made with the Victoria Cross Trust who are involved in</p>

	<p>repairing and marking the graves of VC winners not covered by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and who are interested in this project.</p> <p>The Trust uses a similar model to that of the War Graves Commission adopting a marker with small indents on the corners and depicting the regimental crest as well as details of the deceased.</p>
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<b>3.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
	<p><b>Financial</b> No financial implications</p> <p><b>Human Resources</b> No Human Resource implications</p> <p><b>Assets</b> No impact on assets.</p>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Equality Implications</b>
	There are no equality or good relations issues at present.

<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	Committee is asked to accede to the request to place a marker on the grave of Patrick Carlin in Friar's Bush Graveyard subject to the organisation satisfying all legal and health and safety requirements.

<b>6.</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	The Assistant Director Parks and Leisure will action the recommendations.

<b>7.</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
	None

<b>8.</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None