

Cemetery Management Rules & Regulations

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1. Introduction

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council welcomes all visitors to our cemeteries in our district and asks that visitors respect the peace, dignity, and reverence of these facilities as well as other users. We thank you in advance for your consideration.

The regulations in the following pages have been drawn up by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to ensure that the Cemeteries are managed and used in a sensitive and appropriate way for everybody. These are communal spaces for quiet reflection and remembering our loved ones.

Although these regulations are a requirement for the management of the Cemeteries, every effort has been made to avoid restricting the rights and choices of the individual. Therefore, these regulations have been prepared with a balance between individual rights/information and the need to regulate for safe and tidy grounds.

The rules and regulations for the individual cemeteries may vary, so please check the section relevant to the specific cemetery in question. When the Councils merged in 2015 the local cemetery Rules and Regulations/ Byelaws were retained so that each cemetery could maintain its own local character and ensure continuity in style and maintenance.

As the burial authority in control of cemeteries, we are bound by the conditions of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 Part III; Burial Grounds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 Part II No.5; Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 and we have a legal duty under the Health and Safety at Work Order (NI) 1978; and Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (NI) 2000 to ensure that our burial grounds are safe places to work and visit.

This booklet will provide you with guidance on arranging a burial within Council cemeteries. It provides information on restrictions and conditions that apply when purchasing exclusive rights of burial and will help make you aware of your rights and responsibilities in relation to our cemeteries. This guidance outlines how we carry out our legal obligations and ensures we provide you with a consistent, high level of service.

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is responsible for 5 Municipal Cemeteries in the District

Breandrum Cemetery	Tempo Rd, Enniskillen, BT74 6HR
Cross Cemetery	Located adjacent to the Irvinestown Road (but accessible through Carran Industrial Estate) in Enniskillen, BT74 4RN
Dublin Road, Cemetery	112 Dublin Rd, Omagh, BT78 1TT
Fintona Cemetery	Tattymoyle/Lisdergan Road, Fintona, Co Tyrone
Greenhill Cemetery	Gortin Road, Omagh, BT79 7HT
Breandrum Cemetery in Enniskillen and the Dublin Road Cemetery in Omagh are both closed cemeteries. Only new plots for the burial of a child are available for purchase in Breandrum.	

2. Office Opening Hours

2.1 Cemetery Administrator's Office Opening Hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Bank Holiday opening hours can be found on our website (www.fermanaghomagh.com/cemeteries). An out of hours system is available to Funeral Directors.

Contact: Parks and Open Spaces

Killyvilly Depot

152 Tempo Road

Enniskillen BT74 4GD

Gortrush Works Depot

Great Northern Road,

Omagh BT78 3EJ

Tel: 0300 303 1777

Email: ephelpdesk@fermanaghomagh.com Web: www.fermanaghomagh.com

2.2 Cemetery Opening Hours

Monday to Sunday, 9am to 4pm (vehicular access to open cemeteries). Most cemeteries have pedestrian access around the clock.

3. Funeral Arrangements and Interments

3.1 Funeral arrangements can be made by contacting a Funeral Director/Undertaker, who will then make the necessary arrangements with the Council.

3.2 In the case of more than one funeral, interments will take place in the order in which the funerals arrive, as arranged by the Council. Funerals must arrive at the Cemetery between the hours of: -

April – October, weekdays between 9.00am – 4.00pm

November – March, weekdays between 9.00am – 3.30pm

Sundays between 10.00am – 3.00pm.

unless by prior arrangement with the Cemetery Supervisor. However, the Cemetery will remain open during the hours of daylight should families wish to visit.

3.3 We accept coffins made from:

- Wood
- Wicker/cane

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- Cardboard
 - Biodegradable caskets
 - Urns

for burial. Other Non-standard coffins must get prior approval and could incur an extra fee.

- 3.4 Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will make every effort to accommodate the requirements of families in relation to different religious beliefs subject to the operational constraints of the Cemetery.
- 3.5 The Council will not be responsible for any delay in burials if the funeral arrives early or late.
- 3.6 Public Holiday Arrangements – The Council will accommodate interments on public holidays apart from Christmas Day.

4. Fees and Payments

- 4.1 The Council reviews the scale of charges on a regular basis. You can acquire these fees from our Cemetery Administrator's office or view them on our website: www.fermanaghomagh.com/cemeteries
- 4.2 Fees can be paid by cash, cheque, or debit/credit cards; or you can arrange payment via your appointed funeral director. (Cheques made payable to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council).

5. Resident Concession Status

- 5.1 Residents of the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's District will receive a concession on the full price. A person may claim resident status by providing proof of residency within the District. Proof of residency requires the presentation of official original documentation (not photocopies) that confirm an applicant's address in the District within the last seven years and may include a driving licence, rates or utility bill, bank or building society statement, credit or debit card statement, mortgage statement or death certificate.
- 5.2 For former residents who had no choice but to relocate outside the district for reasons beyond their control related to their care, following receipt of confirmation from a suitable Care Supplier that this is the case, the Resident's Fee can be claimed.
- 5.3 Those unable to provide proof of residency will be charged as non-residents.

6. Ownership of Graves

6.1 Public Graves

Public graves are only available to the Council's Environmental Health Service, Health and Social Care Trusts and other statutory agencies as required. No monument, headstone, plinth, railings, or other structures can be put on or around these graves. The graves will not be dressed or marked by plantings.

6.2 Graves in Proprietary Ground (private- owned graves)

- 6.2.1 To buy a grave, you buy what is known as 'Exclusive Right of Burial' for a grave space.
- Greenhill Cemetery and Fintona Cemetery allow the purchase of graves in advance.
 - Cross Cemetery only allows the purchase of a grave at the time of bereavement.
- 6.2.2 When you purchase the Exclusive Right of Burial you only purchase the right to bury. A person who wishes to purchase the exclusive right of burial in a grave shall sign an application binding themselves, including their successors assigning to take responsibility for the maintenance of the grave, and to conform to all rules and regulations in force or thereafter made by the District Council. Ownership of an Exclusive Right of Burial for a grave does not give any ownership whatsoever in respect of actual land.
- 6.2.3 You own the right to bury in the grave forever. Upon your own death, the Right of Burial formally transfers to your beneficiary/ies unless we have received confirmation of a nominated beneficiary. Please note, there can only be one plot owner.
- 6.2.4 When you buy the Exclusive Right of Burial, this means that we cannot open the grave without your permission, and no-one can be buried in this grave without your permission.
- 6.2.5 You also own the right to erect headstones or other memorials, as long as you pay the fees set out by Council and meet the conditions set out in this document for that specific Cemetery and gain written Council Approval. If the person who owns the Exclusive Right of Burial dies, we assume they give permission that they can be buried in that grave.
- 6.2.6 Only one person will be registered as the owner of Exclusive Right of Burial for the grave. We do not permit joint ownership of graves.
- 6.2.7 You can inherit exclusive Right of Burial, for example if someone has named you as a beneficiary in their Will. In exceptional circumstances, proprietors wishing to dispose of their exclusive Right of Burial for unused plots may contact the Council, through the Cemetery Administrator's office, and offer it for purchase at the price originally paid for the same. Sale to any other party other than the Council is not permitted.
- 6.2.8 The number of burials that can be accommodated in a grave is dependent on a number of factors including ground conditions. Up to three burials may be possible in a standard grave although Council will only guarantee one interment in any one grave. No refund will be made to any purchaser whose grave has limited capacity owing to the existence of rock, or other obstructions.

6.3 Grave allocation

The grave spaces are used in strict consecutive order or as required by the grounds Supervisor. Selection of a grave space is not possible. - Please note that spaces can be chosen in Fintona cemetery.

6.4 Buying more than one grave

The exclusive right of burial in respect of more than two graves in the proprietary ground shall not be sold to or vested in any one person and no sub-division of any lot purchased shall take place without the written consent of the Council having been first obtained.

The exclusive right of burial can only be purchased at the time of bereavement.

6.5 Transfer of Burial Rights (Deeds)

There are three areas regarding transfer of Burial Rights and they are as follows:

- I. If the current registered right of burial holder is alive and wishes to transfer Right of Burial to a specific person, they will have to complete a Form of Declaration Indemnity & Undertaking signed by the current owner, the new owner it is transferring to. The form should be returned within six months of completion so that it can be entered into the Register. Otherwise no right of burial will be transferred. Proof of residency will be required if claiming a resident fee. Current scale of fees apply.
- II. If the registered Right of Burial holder is deceased and has left a Will bequeathing the Burial Right to a specific person, the Burial Right will be transferred to that person free of charge upon application to the Council and production of the registered holders Will and Deed of Right of Burial (Grave Papers).
- III. If the registered Right of Burial Holder is deceased and has left a Will, but the Will does not state who the exclusive right of burial should transfer to; or if the deceased registered Right of Burial holder has left no Will (dies intestate) the exclusive Right of Burial in both cases automatically transfers to the holder's beneficiaries.

In both cases, the following is required:

- A completed Form of Declaration Indemnity & Undertaking;
- Deed of Right of Burial;

- IV. The Council will not become involved in any disputes regarding allocation of burial rights. This must be resolved between the parties.

7. How to arrange a Burial

7.1 Registering the Death

By law, all deaths occurring in Northern Ireland must be registered with the General Register Office (Northern Ireland).

A death which occurs in Northern Ireland can be registered in any of the Registrar's Offices in Northern Ireland. To allow for funeral arrangements to be made you should

register a death no later than five days after the date of death unless the death has been referred to the Coroner.

When registering the death you will need to produce a medical certificate of cause of death which will be provided by the doctor who treated the deceased person within 28 days prior to their death.

If the deceased person was not seen by a doctor within the 28 days, or the death was not by natural illness it will be referred to the Coroner. In this case the Registrar or your funeral director will provide you with guidance. You should not make any funeral arrangements until you have been given consent to do so by the Coroner.

Once you have registered the death, the Registrar's office will provide you, along with other documentation, a form known as a GRO 21. This allows a burial or a cremation to take place.

Information on local Registrar's Offices can be found at www.fermanaghomaggh.com.

7.2 Obtaining Exclusive Right of Burial (Buying a new grave)

A person wishing to purchase the exclusive right of burial is required to complete an Application for Purchase of a Plot form which you can obtain from our Cemetery Administrator's Office.

A funeral director or family member can complete this form on your behalf, but it is better if you complete this form yourself to make sure all information is correct.

Once a person completes an application, they are binding themselves, their successors and assigns to take responsibility for the maintenance of the grave, and to conform to all rules and regulations currently in force, or thereafter made, by Council.

Duplicate copies can be issued on payment of a prescribed fee. Ownership of an exclusive right of burial does not give any ownership whatsoever in respect of actual land.

7.2.1 Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial (Deeds)

A grant of Exclusive Right of Burial (Deed) will be issued by the Council and sent to you when all required fees have been paid. This process usually takes between six to eight weeks from point of burial date. You or your beneficiaries, can arrange to see the register at any reasonable time by contacting one of our Cemetery supervisors.

As the owner of the grave it is your responsibility to notify Council if you change your address or telephone number. It is important for us to be able to contact you if there is a problem with your grave or memorial.

If Council is unable to make contact we will take the necessary actions to deal with the problem. If there is a fee due to any necessary actions taken this fee will be your responsibility.

7.2.2 Replacing Exclusive Right of Burial Papers (Grave Papers)

If you have lost your Exclusive Right of Burial Papers (Deeds) and you are the grave owner, you must complete a formal request in writing, stating you have lost the

papers. You must also provide proof of your identification, such as a passport or driving licence.

If you have lost the grave papers Deeds and you are not the grave (plot) owner but are applying on the owner's behalf, you must complete a formal request in writing, stating you have lost the grave papers, and provide us with proof of identification, such as a passport or a driving licence.

If the original grave papers are found, the duplicate grave papers are no longer valid. We would ask for all duplicate papers to be returned to Council or destroyed.

There will be a fee for replacement grave papers. These fees can be paid at our Cemetery Administrator's Office.

7.3 Applying to Open a Grave for Interments

A person requiring to have an interment made in any grave, shall complete and sign an Application for Internment Form which can be obtained from one of our Cemetery Administrator's Office, giving the following particulars for registration:-

- forename and surname
- date of death
- sex
- age
- religion (including no religion)
- occupation
- last place of residence; and
- marital status or 'the child of'
- place of death.

The information should also include the name and address of the person having the management of the interment (usually a funeral director). In the case of proprietary ground, the application shall give the grave number of the grave required to be opened. For new graves, Council will allocate and inform you of your grave number.

By law an application for interment shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Registry or Notice of Death (GRO 21 form) which you will have received when you registered the death at the Registrar's Office, or the statutory order for burial from a Coroner. If you do not produce at least one of these forms, Council cannot permit a burial.

On proper application for interment being made to one of our Cemetery Administrators/ Supervisors and upon payment of the prescribed fees, Council will issue an order of burial to the Cemetery Supervisor at least 48 hours before the interment is to take place. The time regulation may be waived at the discretion of the Council.

In the case of a double interment (two burials at the same time in the same single grave) only the fee for a single interment shall be payable, provided if in either case any additional fee is payable by reason of the deceased having resided outside the Borough the higher fee shall be payable.

Funeral directors must advise the Cemetery Administrators of the accurate size and weight of the coffin or casket before the opening of the grave.

Only persons authorised in writing by the Council shall be permitted to open or prepare any grave for an interment.

Two Council cemetery staff must be in attendance at the grave side at the time of interment.

7.4 Notice Periods:-

If you wish to arrange a burial, Council will need the following periods of notice:

- Opening of new graves:- Council will require a minimum of 24 to 48 hours' notice.
- Re-opening of an existing grave:- Council will require a minimum of 48 hours' notice.
- Opening graves with surrounds:- Council will require a minimum of 48 hours' notice.
- If a grave needs to be hand dug:- Council will require a minimum of 48 hours' notice.

7.5 Testing Graves for Opening

When Council receives an application to open a grave, we will check the cemetery records to make sure the burial can take place.

If the cemetery records indicate there may be a problem, Council will invoke the following process:

- check all regulations are being met
- check ground conditions
- check depth of remaining top cover.

By law, no coffin shall be laid in any grave nearer to the surface of the ground than 1 metre measured from the upper surface of the last interment.

If Council is certain that the burial cannot take place it's decision is final. If you are unable to bury in an existing grave you will need to purchase a new grave.

7.6 Depth and Direction of Graves

Each grave space shall measure 122cm wide by 270cm long and will ONLY be opened when a completed and signed application for interment has been made and has been received by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. The Council cannot be held responsible for any claim whatsoever that may arise from the opening of a grave.

Every grave shall, in the first instance, be opened to a minimum depth of 214cm and no coffin shall be laid in the grave nearer to the surface than 1 metre (70cm where ground conditions are suitable) therefrom, (nor from any surrounding ground) measuring from the uppermost part of the coffin; and no grave in which a coffin shall have been laid at a depth of 1 metre or 70cm from the surface shall be re-opened, without a special resolution of the Council. Any interments shall be separated from other coffins by means of a layer of earth not less than 30cm thick

The number of burials that can be accommodated in a grave space is dependent on a number of factors including ground conditions. Up to three burials may be possible

in a standard grave although Council will only guarantee one interment in any one grave.

No refund will be made to any purchaser whose grave has limited capacity owing to the existence of rock, or other obstructions found. The request for a particular orientation of your burial will be considered where possible.

7.7 **Receiving the Burial Order**

Once Council has received your application for a burial along with the fees you have to pay, we will make out an order for the opening of the grave.

On arrival at the cemetery, Council staff will check the burial details and direct the funeral director to the grave section and number.

7.8 **The Burial of Ashes**

The burial of ashes can be arranged directly with the Council by a family member, appointed funeral director or an appropriate person.

For details on cost and fees you can contact our Cemetery Administrator's Office or visit the Council website:
<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/registrations/cemeteries/>

7.9 **Signing the Register**

Once the burial has (normally the funeral Cemetery of Burials. This is completed by pre-



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taken place, the person managing the burial director) needs to attend one of our Administrator's Offices to sign the Register required by law. This process is now burial application form.

7.10 **Non Christian Burials**

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will aim to accommodate all non-Christian burials to the best of their ability. It is the responsibility of the family or Funeral Director to notify the Council of religion and any special requests or religious traditions that the deceased party may have. The request for a particular orientations of burial will be considered where possible.

8. **Exhumation**

Save as specially provided for in these rules, no grave shall be opened, nor shall the remains of an individual be removed from a grave nor transferred from one place of burial to another, nor exhumed, except under the conditions specially provided for in

law, and except with prior written consent of the Council and upon payment of the prescribed fees.

8.1 Requesting an Exhumation

To apply for an exhumation, you must make your request in writing to our Cemetery Administrator's Office. Council will then apply for an application for Exhumation Form which we obtain from the relevant Government Department. Once you have received and completed the form, you return it to the Cemetery Administrator's Office.

Head of Parks and Open Spaces will assess the application and make recommendation to the Council's Senior Management Team.

If your application for exhumation is approved by the Council's Senior Management Team, we will then submit your application to the responsible Government Department. Once the Department has made a decision, they will notify Council and the Director of Public Health. Council will then notify you of the outcome of your application.

If your application is approved, you have six months to arrange the exhumation. If you fail to arrange the exhumation within the six months you will have to re-apply. By law the Police Service for Northern Ireland must be informed of a planned exhumation and are required to attend.

In addition a member of Council's Environmental Health Team will attend to ensure that dignity and respect is maintained throughout the exhumation process. (Burial Grounds [NI] 1992).

Council charges a fee for exhumations. This fee does not include the cost of a new coffin, the removal by a funeral director, or the cost of re-burial.

9. Lawn Cemeteries



Lawn cemeteries – this is a grave with a headstone, a small area for flowers immediately in front of the headstone and the remain portion of each grave is

grassed and level with the ground. This area must be left clear at all times for cutting purposes.

Miniature surrounds are not permitted to be placed in front of a memorial in a lawn section and will be removed. Full surrounds are not permitted to be placed around any grave in a lawn section and will be removed. If the removed surrounds are not claimed within six (6) months, Council will dispose of them.

Council will not allow the erection of pillars, railings, fences, plinths, hoops, artificial grass matting, surrounds, ropes, flag stones, concrete edging, kerbing, ornaments, flower pots, or any other structures that are used to enclose a lawn grave.

Council staff will be instructed to remove any of these items as they obstruct our staff from cutting the grass.

10. Responsibilities of the Grave Owner

- 10.1 Each purchaser of the Exclusive Right of Burial in any grave must ensure that the grave and any memorial on it is kept in good order and repair, to the satisfaction of the Council.

Should the owner of the grave fail to do so, Council may carry out maintenance and repairs at the expense of the purchaser or grave owner and may refuse to permit the grave to be opened until costs of such repairs or removal have been paid.

Other than bedding plants and bulbs, you are not permitted to plant anything on a grave. This would include shrubbery, trees, roses or hedging. Council Staff have the right to remove any excess plantings.

- 10.2 When you are tending to your grave, please keep waste to a minimum and immediately clear away any waste when you are finished. Do not allow waste to fall onto any surrounding graves and do not disturb any floral arrangements or monuments belonging to surrounding grave owners. If heavy waste is left behind either on or nearby a grave you have been tending the Council may charge the registered owner of the grave for the removal of this waste.
- 10.3 Litter bins are placed around our cemeteries, however these bins should not be used for household waste or heavy waste such as soil or turf.
- 10.4 All types of Christmas wreaths, sprays, bouquets and posies must be cleared by the last day of January. If such items have not been cleared by this time, Council staff will be instructed to remove all such items from the cemetery graves.
- 10.5 You must not place a symbol, flag or emblem on any grave at any time which is likely to disrupt a good and harmonious environment.

10.6



Grave owners are required to keep us informed if their contact details have changed as it is important that we are able to contact you if something happens to your grave or memorial.

11. Memorials and Monuments



If you wish to erect a memorial or memorial stone on your grave, you must apply to our Cemetery Administrator's Office for an application form (a registered memorial mason/sculptor must complete and return the form).

Council charges a fee to erect a memorial within our cemeteries which must accompany the memorial application.

A copy of the fees can be found on our website:

<https://www.fermanaghmagh.com/services/registrations/cemeteries/>

The application must be accompanied with a detailed plan and particulars of the memorial. Each drawing submitted must specify the proposed dimensions, inscription, materials you wish to use, grave number and the name and address of the proprietor.

All memorials and memorial stones must be made of stone or other non-perishable material such as granite. Temporary hardwood memorials can be erected.

The wording of inscriptions and the use of emblems will be subject to strict conditions in line with our legal duties of equality and the promotion of good relations. Council will not authorise inscriptions that contain sectarian, racist or inappropriate wording or imagery. If you wish to add any inscriptions at a later stage, you must seek Council approval in advance. No headstone shall be built or fitted in any cemetery wall.

Please refer to the specific cemetery rules and regulations to confirm the exact memorial stone conditions for that cemetery.

11.1 Failure to Request and Receive Permission.

No memorial, memorial stone, surround or other erection shall be removed, altered or installed without the prior written permission of the Council. All applications to carry out such work shall be made to the Head of Parks and Open Spaces, Killyvilly Depot 152 Tempo Rd, Enniskillen BT74 4GD.Tel: 03003031777.

No work can commence until written approval has been received from the Council and the Cemetery Supervisor has been informed and agreed for work to commence.

If a memorial or memorial stone has been erected without gaining permission, the Council will request the immediate removal of the memorial.

11.2 Responsibilities of the Memorial Mason or Sculptor

Monument masons and sculptors wishing to work within Council's cemeteries must carry out all works to the standard of the following: BS8415:2005 - British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons (BRAMM) National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM)

11.3 Memorial Application and Permit (Masons and Sculptors)

All memorial and memorial stone applications must contain the following information:

- detailed plan of the memorial
- the exact dimensions
- the type of material
- the full inscription detail
- the applicant's name and address
- the applicant's relationship to the grave owner or deceased person

Council will consider your application and inform you if your application has been approved or declined.

If your application has been approved, all work must be completed within one year from date of approval. If your application has been declined, Council will provide you with a reason. If you wish to appeal this decision, you can write a letter to the Head of Parks and Open Spaces outlining the nature of your appeal.

Once an application has been approved, you receive a letter of confirmation allowing work to be undertaken on that specific memorial.

11.4 Working Hours (Masons and Sculptors)

Council has strict permitted working hours for erecting memorials and masons and sculptors are only allowed to carry out work within our cemetery grounds during the following hours:

Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm
Saturday 8am to 12pm.

Any memorial mason or sculptor working outside the working hours stated will be asked to leave the cemetery. We may also consider refusing permission to undertake any other work within all Council Cemeteries for those who have breached the Terms and Conditions of the Fermanagh and Omagh Management, Regulation and Control of Burial Grounds.

11.5 Restrictions and Placement of Memorials (Mason and Sculptors)

All memorials, memorial stones or other erections must be placed on a solid foundation, which is provided at the head of each grave (only within lawn cemeteries).

Council could remove any memorial that does not meet the specific height limits for that specific cemetery and charge a fee for undertaking the work. The height of memorials and headstones will be measured from the highest point of the ground within the boundary of the grave, to the top of the memorial.

If you are erecting a temporary wooden memorial, it must be made of a hard wood. It should be placed on a solid foundation which is provided at the head of each grave (within lawn sections only) and can be no greater in height than 110cm.

Miniature surrounds are not permitted to be placed in front of a memorial in a lawn section and will be removed.

Full surrounds are not permitted to be placed around any grave in a lawn section and will be removed. Council will charge a fee for undertaking this work. If the removed surrounds are not claimed within six (6) months, we will dispose of them. The grave in question will not be opened until all outstanding fees have been paid.

Council will not allow the erection of pillars, railings, fences, plinths, hoops, artificial grass matting, surrounds, ropes, flag stones, concrete edging, kerbing, ornaments, flowerpots, or any other structures that are used to enclose a lawn grave. Council staff will be instructed to remove any of these items as they obstruct our staff from cutting the grass. We will charge a fee for undertaking this work.

The wording of inscriptions and the use of emblems will be subject to strict conditions in line with our legal duties of equality and the promotion of good relations. Council will not authorise inscriptions that contain sectarian, racist or inappropriate wording or imagery. If you wish to add any inscriptions at a later stage, you must seek approval in advance and Council will endeavour to approve within seven working days. Any monumental mason or sculptor putting up a memorial or headstone or undertaking remedial work, must remove all debris after the memorial is put in place. This must be done immediately and at your own expense.

Memorial masons and sculptors must make good any damage caused to adjacent memorials, graves, turf and walkways while working on a memorial. This must be done immediately and at your own expense.

11.6 Cemetery Register

Any monumental mason or sculptor wishing to erect a memorial or headstone at Council cemeteries must sign the site visitor book on arrival and show the memorial permit. Anyone accompanying the mason or sculptor must also sign the site visitor book. If it is not possible to sign the site visitor book on arrival please notify the Cemetery Administrator's Office to advise and confirm the time of arrival.

All masons and sculptors working within Council cemeteries must adhere to an a safe system of work and undertake all necessary measures to ensure the health and safety of their operations and visitors to the cemetery.

Once the authorised work has been completed, you must hand in the memorial permit and sign out before you leave the cemetery. Council will do a site check as soon as possible to make sure that work has been completed as per the agreed application, and that the memorial has been erected in line with British Standards.

If the above signing in and out process is not followed,

Council will ask the monumental mason or sculptor to leave the cemetery and they may be refused all further permission to do work in our cemeteries.

11.7 Memorial Safety Inspection Programme

Council carries out Memorial Safety Inspections, should a memorial fail an inspection the grave owner will be contacted to rectify and make safe within a reasonable time. Council may take immediate action should it believe that the memorial carries an immediate risk to the public or its staff. All costs incurred by Council must be met by the grave owner.

12. Facilities and Services

12.1 Car Parking

- Breandrum Cemetery
- Cross Cemetery
- Greenhill Cemetery
- Fintona Cemetery

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- Dublin Road Cemetery

12.2 Toilet Facilities

There are toilet facilities available at the following cemeteries:

- Breandrum Cemetery
- Cross Cemetery
- Dublin Road Cemetery
- Greenhill Cemetery;
- Fintona Cemetery

12.3 Memorial Bench and Trees

The Council is pleased to be able to offer a Commemorative (Memorial) Bench and Tree programme.

The purpose of the programme is to provide members of the public or organisations a means to recognise and honour others through a lasting tribute by the purchase of a bench or tree dedicated to that special someone to be installed in a park or a cemetery. This programme may be used as a form of remembrance of a loved one, celebration of a birth, honouring a retiree, or any other event.

If you wish to apply for this service you can contact our Cemetery Administrator's Office or obtain the application form and fees from the Council's website: <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/registrations/cemeteries/memorial-benches-and-trees/>

Applications for the supply and installation of a commemorative bench or tree will only be approved after a suitable site has been identified by Council.

Whilst the cost and installation of the bench or tree shall be the responsibility of the applicant, Council will fund the maintenance of the bench or tree, unless it should become damaged beyond repair. If a bench or tree should become unsafe, we will remove it and shall not be obliged to fund a replacement.

The Council accepts no responsibility for the theft of any bench or tree but shall endeavour to report any incident of theft to the police.

The bench or tree will be placed in a public park or cemetery, therefore, no other adornment (flowers, sculpture etc.) will be allowed to be placed with the bench or tree. Any adornment will be promptly removed.

The Council reserves the right to use its discretion to refuse any application.

13. Acceptable Behaviour in Cemeteries

Visitors can access the cemeteries from dawn to dusk on any day, vehicular access is only permitted during the cemeteries opening times.

All visitors to our cemeteries must conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner at all times. If you do not abide by the following regulations, or do not behave in an appropriate manner, Council may ask you to leave the cemetery and prohibit your return.

Visitors must confine themselves to the walkways and on no account trespass on the graves or grass and must not damage any tree, plant, shrub, flowers, or interfere with any wreath or memorial stone.

There is a strict speed limit for any vehicle within Council cemeteries of 10mph.

Drivers should take care when passing surrounds and memorials, members of the public and avoid areas where an interment is taking place.

Car parking within cemetery grounds shall only be permitted for visitors using the cemetery.

No inebriated or riotous person shall be permitted to enter the grounds of the cemetery. Trespassers shall be liable to prosecution for infringement of these regulations.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Council does not permit any games or sport within its cemeteries. No person shall be permitted to use a metal detector in any of our cemeteries.

No notices or advertisements are to be placed on any cemetery buildings, walls, fences, memorials or monuments without Council permission.

Council will not permit the discharge of any firearms, except at a military or police funeral.

The selling of flowers, shrubs or plants is prohibited unless authorised by Council.

Dogs are permitted but must be on a lead and under control. It is the owner's responsibility to clean up after their dogs.

The Council will not be responsible for any loss, injury or damage, which may happen to memorial stones, wreaths, flowers or other mementos at or upon any grave.

14. About our Regulations

The Management, Regulation and Control of Burial Grounds for Fermanagh and Omagh District Council shall replace all previous Rules and Regulations adopted by the legacy Councils of Fermanagh and Omagh.

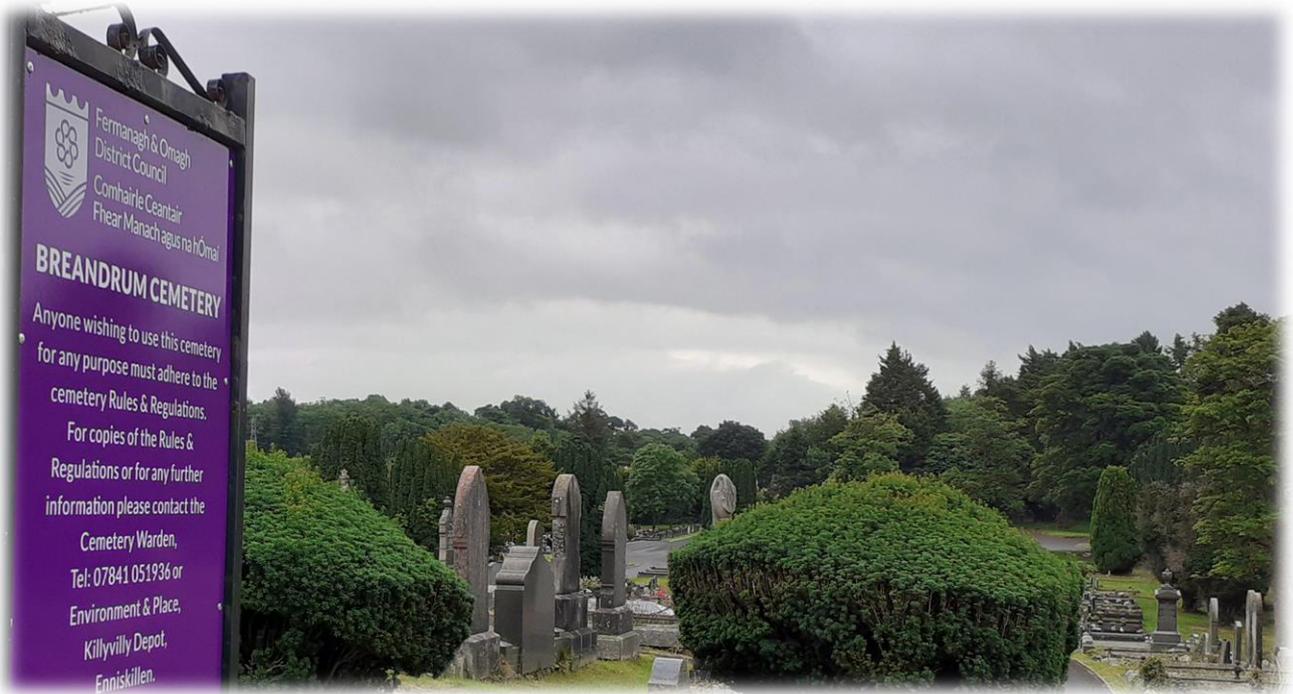
All regulations remain in force and are binding on all owners of the exclusive right of burial in Council cemeteries and all other people, until we alter these rules.

All fees and payments stated in the foregoing regulations to be prescribed shall be fixed from time to time by Council.

For the purpose of these regulations “we” or “us” means Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

In these Rules and Regulations:

- (a) “the District” means the District of Fermanagh and Omagh
- (b) “the Council” means Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.
- (c) “the Director” shall be the Director of Environment and Place, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.
- (d) “Cemetery Administrator” shall be the employee(s) authorised by the Chief Executive of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.
- (e) “Registrar of Births and Deaths” shall be the employee(s) authorised by the Chief Executive of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.
- (f) “the Cemetery Manager” shall be the employee(s) authorised by the Chief Executive of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.



SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

Relating to

BREANDRUM CEMETERY (Enniskillen)

B1. INTRODUCTION

It is necessary for Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to ensure that the size and type of memorials within Breandrum Cemetery are appropriate and that graves are appropriately maintained in accordance with the following guidance.

In all sections of the Cemetery, no monument, headstone, headlock, surround or other erection shall be removed, altered or installed without the prior written permission of the Council.

All applications to carry out such work shall be made to the Head of Parks, Estates and Property, Killyvilly Depot 152 Tempo Rd, Enniskillen BT74 4GD – ephelpdesk@fermanaghomagh.com (Tel: 03003031777). No work can commence until written approval has been received from the Council and the Cemetery Supervisor has been informed and agreed for work to commence.

No sculptural or construction work of any kind should be commissioned or commenced before written approval of the design, wording and detail has been obtained from the Council.

B2. ERECTION OF HEADSTONES

B2.1 No Headstones shall be placed on a grave without the prior approval of the Council and must meet the following conditions and specifications:

B2.1.1 All headstones shall be of stone and if applicable, shall be placed upon the foundation provided by the Council.

B2.1.2 No Headstones shall **exceed 130cm in height** measuring from the uppermost part of the foundation. For the purpose of determining this height any projecting feature on the Headstone i.e. a cross, etc. shall be deemed to form part of the Headstone.

B2.1.3 The maximum width of a headstone **shall not exceed 122cm**, and shall not exceed a breadth of 30cm.

B2.1.4 However, in the event of the proprietor wishing to erect a linear type stone, exceeding the above widths, on a multiple grave, the Council will consider such applications based on individual submissions. The decision of the Director of Environment and Place in such instances will be binding.

B3. ERECTION OF SURROUNDS

B3.1 No surround shall be placed on a grave without the prior approval of the Council and must meet the following conditions and specifications laid down by the Council.

I. All surrounds shall be of stone.

II. The maximum external measurement of a surround should be no greater than 122cm across the width of the plot, 30cm in height, no greater than 270cm in length measured from centre of the concrete plinth or from the rear of the headstone if a plinth has not been provided. NB: The external width 122cm does not include the provision of a corner post which can project an additional 2.5cm each side of the surround.

III. The minimum internal measurement of a surround is width 90cm, length 230cm (leaving internal open for grave to width of 90cm and length of 230cm).

IV. Foundations for surrounds are essential. Foundations when being laid must leave an internal clear opening of width 90cm and length 230cm.

B3.2 Every application to erect a Headstone, monument or surround shall be made to the Head of Parks and Open Spaces. No sculptural or construction work should be commissioned or commenced in advance of approval being received from the Council, and agreement with the Cemetery Supervisor being obtained, with the prescribed fee to be invoiced accordingly.

B3.3 Hewing of or dressing of stones is not permitted in the Cemetery.

B3.4 A person erecting a Headstone, monument or surround shall remove all debris resulting from the erecting and shall make good any damage done to turf, shrubbery, adjacent graves, paths or other, all at his/her own expense.

B3.5 All sculptors must report to the Cemetery Supervisor before proceeding to do any work in the Cemetery and no construction work shall be commenced until the approval of a Council representative has been given. Unless prior approval has been given by the Council, all works should cease during burial services within the Cemetery.

B3.6 The owner of any Headstone, surround, monument or other allowed to fall into a bad state of repair shall be advised so by the Council and requested to make the necessary repairs within a specified period. If in the interests of safety or default by the owner in effecting the repairs requested, the Council may remove or repair the Headstone, surround, monument or other and the cost of doing so in either case shall be a debt from the registered proprietor of the grave to the Council and recoverable as such.

B3.7 WREATHS

On graves which do not seem to have been tended, at the expiry of ninety days after the date of interment, if not already done by the proprietor, the Council shall remove all but one of floral sprays, wreaths, etc, from the grave plot. The Council disclaims any responsibility or the damage or displacement of floral sprays, wreaths, etc.

B3.8 GENERAL

B3.8.1 No person shall plant any tree, shrub, flower or other plant on any grave.

B3.8.2 In the normal course of events only funeral hearses and official funeral cars may enter the Cemetery beyond the car parking area (except for Council vehicles and monumental sculptors properly attending the Cemetery). This is subject to the Council's discretion. However, in the case of elderly, disabled or infirm visitors, prior arrangements may be made with the Cemetery Supervisor to have access with a vehicle beyond the car parking area. In such cases those afforded this facility must drive the vehicle only on those areas indicated by the Cemetery Supervisor.



SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

Relating to

CROSS CEMETERY (Enniskillen)

C1. INTRODUCTION

C1.1 It is necessary for Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to ensure that the size and type of memorials within Cross Cemetery are appropriate and that graves are appropriately maintained in accordance with the following guidance.

C1.2 The erection of pillars, railings, fences, plinths, hoops, surrounds or other structures for the purposes of enclosing graves, or elsewhere in the Cemetery, is expressly prohibited and if so placed will be removed immediately by Council staff with the associated costs being recovered from the Proprietor of the Right of Burial.

C2. ERECTION OF HEADSTONES

C2.1 No sculptural or construction work of any kind should be commissioned or commenced before written approval of the design, wording and detail has been obtained from the Council, agreement is reached with the Cemetery Supervisor and the appropriate fee has been paid. Please note hewing or dressing of stones is not permitted in Cross Cemetery.

C2.1 Applications to erect a headstone should be made to the Head of Parks and Open Space and Council approval must be granted before any work is undertaken. Headstones must:

C2.2 Be made of stone and be placed on the foundation already provided by the Council;

C2.3 Be no more than 130cm in height, 122cm in width and 30cm in breadth, measuring from the uppermost part of the foundation, inclusive of any projecting feature such as a cross.

C2.4 Be erected centrally at the head of the plot. Where two graves are within a plot, two headstones may be erected (max dimensions as above) but with the second only being permitted following opening of the second grave.

C2.5 Applications to erect a headstone should be made to the Head of Parks and Open Spaces. Applications to erect a linear type stone, exceeding the above widths, on a double plot will be assessed on an individual case-by-case basis. The decision of the Council in these cases will be binding, notwithstanding an applicant's right of appeal.

C2.6 When erecting headstones within the Cemetery:

- All sculptors must report to the Cemetery Supervisor before proceeding to do any work
- The person erecting the headstone is responsible for the removal of all debris resulting from the work and making good any damage done to turf, shrubbery, adjacent graves or plots, paths or other Cemetery features at their own expense
- Unless prior approval has been given by the Council, all work should cease during burial services within the Cemetery.

C3. GRAVE MAINTENANCE

Families who have purchased a right of interment (burial) within the Cemetery will have an option to either:

- Maintain the grave themselves or
- Allow Council employees to maintain the grave in accordance with a “lawn type” system.

C4. MAINTENANCE BY FAMILY

C4.1 Where families opt to maintain graves they shall inform the Council after which the Council will install a thin metal edging sunken to ground level around the plot. No other form of grave surround is permitted.

C4.2 Families will then be permitted to place floral tributes, mementos or other tributes within the confines of this edging. Where families wish to undertake planting this must be restricted to plants placed within a pot. The maximum permitted height of any planting or memento placed on a grave is 500mm inclusive of any pot or container used.

C4.3 Graves must be maintained to a suitable standard clear of weeds and debris. The following photographs are offered as a guide:

Condition 1



Condition 1



Condition 2



Condition 3



Condition 4



C4.4 If the Council considers that the quality of grave maintenance is falling below the required standard, contact will be made with the family and a request for maintenance made.

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- Where standards have fallen to those shown in Condition 2, this will be noted with a view to further action if necessary.
 - Where standards have fallen to those shown in Condition 3, the family will be informed in writing and given 14 days to maintain the grave, bringing it back to Condition 1.
 - Where standards have fallen to those shown in Condition 4, the family will be informed in writing that the Council intends to assume responsibility for maintenance of the grave and to lay amenity turf. The family will be notified that this is the Council's intention, subject to a 7 day period when an appeal can be lodged.

C4.5 If the Council is required to contact a family regarding failure to meet maintenance standards more than 3 times the Council will immediately lay amenity turf and assume responsibility for the maintenance of the grave.

C4.6 It is the responsibility of the family to ensure that the Council has appropriate contact details for the current Proprietor of a right of burial. The Council will use the last recorded address for the Proprietor of the right of burial to contact the family to request grave maintenance, repairs to any grave feature, or advise the family of the Council's intention to assume responsibility for maintenance. Should no satisfactory response be forthcoming, Council shall be entitled to take such grave maintenance action as is reasonably deemed necessary.

C4.7 Anyone tending a grave should ensure that all waste materials are removed as quickly as possible and placed in the receptacles provided. Care must also be taken not to disturb any adjacent graves/plots.

C4.8 The Council understands that circumstances can change and if it becomes difficult for a family to maintain the grave/plot to the required standard they can request the Council to lay amenity turf and assume responsibility for maintenance.

C5. MAINTENANCE BY COUNCIL

C5.1 Where families opt for the Council to maintain plots within the Cemetery, Council will lay amenity turf over the grave after a period of 90 days from the date of interment and, upon request, install a granite memorial slab at the base of the headstone, or at the top of the grave where no headstone is present.

C5.2 This granite slab may then be used for the display of floral tributes or mementos. For ease of maintenance mementos/tributes must be placed on the memorial slab. Where no memorial slab is requested a maximum of two tributes or mementos, can be displayed upon the grave.

C5.3 Where families wish to undertake planting this must be restricted to plants placed within a pot. The maximum height for all mementos is 500mm including any pots/containers used.

C5.2 A second memorial slab can be provided when the second grave in a double plot is opened.

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- C5.3 Memorial slabs will only be provided by the Council in the areas of the Cemetery where the Council is responsible for the maintenance of graves/plots.
- C5.4 In the areas of the Cemetery where the Council is responsible for maintenance of graves/plots grass cutting equipment will be used. However, staff are required to carry out their duties with due regard to the sensitivities relating to the treatment of plots and the respect to be afforded to the deceased.

C6. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- C6.1 No one is permitted to plant any tree, shrub, flower or any other plant on any grave/plot or elsewhere on Council property.
- C6.2 Should any damage be caused to adjacent graves/plots as a result of grave/plot maintenance, or the erection of memorials/tributes, the Council will make good the damage and recover the costs from the person registered as the Proprietor of a right of burial for the plot that was being maintained.
- C6.3 In the normal course of events only funeral hearses and official funeral cars may enter the Cemetery beyond the car parking area (except for Council vehicles and monumental sculptors properly attending the Cemetery). This is subject to the Council's discretion.
- C6.4 Access to Cross Cemetery for funerals is via Carran Business Park. No access to, or egress from the Irvinestown Road is permitted.
- C6.5 Visitors to the Cemetery will have free pedestrian access during opening hours subject to such restrictions as the Council may from time to time deem necessary to impose. In the case of elderly, disabled or infirm visitors, prior arrangements may be made with the Cemetery Supervisor to have vehicular access beyond the parking area. Vehicles must only travel on those areas indicated by the Cemetery Supervisor.
- C6.6 No one will be allowed to enter the Cemetery except by the entrance gates, nor will they be allowed to walk or trespass on, or damage, any of the shrubberies/borders, headstones, or graves. No access is permitted to the Cemetery outside the normal opening hours unless authorised by the Council.



SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

Relating to

**DUBLIN ROAD (Omagh)
GREENHILL (Omagh)
FINTONA**

D1. DEFINITIONS:

In these Bye-Laws

- “the Council” means Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.
- “the Cemetery” means Greenhill Cemetery, Fintona Cemetery, Dublin Road Cemetery.
- “the Caretaker” means the person in charge of the Cemetery.
- “a Grave” means a portion of ground, approximately 2.7 metres long and 1.2 metres wide, which shall accommodate a maximum of three full sized coffins.
- “a plot” means a portion of ground containing either one or two graves.

D2. AUTHORITY TO OPERATE THESE REGULATIONS

The Council may authorise such officers as it deems necessary to operate these regulations. An Act necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the Cemetery by an Officer of the Council, or any person or servant of any person employed by the Council shall not be deemed an offence against these Regulations.

D3. TYPES OF BURIAL GROUND

- D3.1 The Burial Grounds shall be divided into such portions as shall be allocated from time to time as proprietary ground and free ground respectively.
- D3.2 In the proprietary ground the exclusive right of burial in the various graves shall be granted in perpetuity to the purchasers thereof, their heirs and assigns, together with the right to erect headstones subject to the rules and regulations.
- D3.3 In Greenhill Cemetery the exclusive right of burial in the various graves and sections shall be granted consecutively in such order as may from time to time be determined.
- D3.4 No rights apply to the “Free Ground” nor can a memorial of whatever kind be erected.

D4. DISPOSING OF THE RIGHT OF BURIAL

Proprietors wishing to dispose of an unused plot otherwise than to a member of their respective family or via a Will shall be required in the first instance to offer it to the Council. In any event it shall not be sold at a price other than fixed by the Council at the time of sale.

D5. ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHT OF BURIAL

- D5.1 No person, claiming to be entitled to the right of burial under an assignment or bequest of such right, or of the personal representative of a deceased proprietor, shall be recognised or have his name inserted in the Register as such until the assignment, probate or letters of administration under which such person claims to be entitled and the grant made to the original proprietor, shall have been produced to the Council and such further evidence of such right as the Council may require, of the right thereto of the person so claiming. On such application being made, the

Council shall be empowered, if necessary, to order public or other notice thereof to be given, at the expense of the claimant.

D5.2 Within six months after the execution of any assignment of the right of burial, or Grant of Probate of any Will, by which such right shall be bequeathed, or grant of letters of administration to the effects of a deceased proprietor, such assignments or grants respectively shall be produced to the Council, and on such production and payment of the prescribed fee, an entry thereof shall be made in the Register, and a certificate given if required. Until such entry is made, no right of burial shall be acquired under such assignment, probate or letters of administration.

D5.3 If the registered proprietor of a right of burial shall prove to the satisfaction of the Council that he has lost his grant, he shall be entitled, upon payment of the prescribed fee, to receive a duplicate. Provided that if the original grant shall be found afterwards, the duplicate grant shall not be considered to have any force or effect and must be surrendered to the Council.

D6 INTERMENTS AND FUNERALS

On the arrival of all funerals at Greenhill Cemetery, the hearse, chief mourner's car, and the officiating clergy's car shall proceed to the enclosed assembly area. All other mourners shall park their cars in the car park on the left of the entrance and proceed on foot from there to the assembly area, where they shall gather behind the hearse to continue their walk to the burial plot.

D7. HEADSTONES/SURROUNDS

(Surrounds are only permitted at Dublin Road and Fintona Cemeteries with the prior consent of the Council).

Headstones and surrounds shall not be erected without prior approval from the Council. Applications must be accompanied by the prescribed fee and a special written statement and drawing of what is proposed to be so erected, with a copy of the proposed to be so erected, with a copy of the proposed inscription which shall not indicate the cause of death. Wooden crosses are not permitted on any graves within the Council cemeteries.

D8. HEADSTONE REGULATIONS

D8.1 No inscription, rail, fence, chain surround, nor memorials other than standard headstones, nor planting of any description or kind whatever shall be erected or made in any place of burial in the Cemetery.

D8.2 Headstones shall have been approved by the council to which a special written statement and drawing of what is proposed to be so erected, with a copy of the proposed inscription, shall be previously submitted.

D8.3 The area of the inscribed face of any headstone is the area of the front face which is visible above the finished ground level and shall be not greater in area than 0.75 of a square metre for a single grave plot and not greater than .90 of a square metre for a double grave plot.

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- D8.4 The overall width of any headstone shall not be greater than 1.10 metres for a single grave plot and not greater than 2.30 metres for a double grave plot, the maximum height from finished ground level shall not be greater than 1.50 meters and the overall thickness shall not be greater than 300 millimetres .
- D8.5 Foundations for headstones shall not be greater than 1.10 metres for a single grave plot and 2.30 metres for a double grave plot and shall not be more than 400 millimetres wide and of thickness or depth of concrete of at least 150 millimetres.
- D8.6 Foundations shall be laid using 1;2;4 concrete and shall be founded at such depth from the surface of any place of burial and in such manner as may be approved by the caretaker of the cemetery. No headstone shall be built or fitted in any wall of the cemetery.
- D8.7 In the erection of all headstones the caretaker shall have the authority to prevent encroachment on the neighbouring plots. In the event of such encroachment-taking place, the council reserves the right of removing the said headstone, at the expense of the person offending.
- D8.8 The council reserves the right to remove, at the proprietor's expense, any headstone which contravenes the regulations contained in paragraph 3 and 4, or which shall have been placed or erected in the cemetery without the council's authority.
- D8.9 All rubbish or refuse remaining after the erection of a headstone must be immediately removed from the site, under the directions of the caretaker, at the expense of the proprietor or of the person executing the work.
- D8.10 The proprietor shall be responsible only for maintaining his headstone, but should he default in his duty, this shall be done by the caretaker and an appropriate fee charged to the proprietor. This fee must be paid forthwith, but in any event, no burial in that plot shall be permitted until such a fee shall be paid. All other maintenance will be undertaken by the council.
- D8.11 No headstone inscription shall on any account, be altered or erased without special sanction of the council.
- D9. MAINTENANCE OF HEADSTONES
- D9.1 The proprietor shall be responsible only for the maintaining their headstone, but should he default in his duty, this shall then be done by the Caretaker and an appropriate fee charged to the proprietor. This fee must be paid in advance, but in any event no burial in that plot shall be permitted until such fee shall be paid. All other maintenance will be undertaken by the Council.
- D8.2 No headstone inscription shall, on any account, be altered or erased without special sanction of the Council.
- D8.3 In the Dublin Road and Fintona Cemeteries the Council may from time to time cause all plants or shrubs etc, planted upon places of burial in the Cemetery to be pruned, and they may even cause the same to be removed, if it should be the opinion of the Council that by spreading of the roots or branches thereof, or otherwise, injury may be done to the adjoining portion of the Cemetery.

D9 WREATHS
In Greenhill Cemetery only one permanent wreath shall be placed on any grave, and it shall be placed on the stone slab which is provided for this purpose. Alternatively a vase or similar vessel for holding flowers may be placed on the aforementioned slab. No planting or sowing of any description or kind shall be permitted. The council reserves the right to remove all wreaths in all cemeteries on the expiration of three months calculated from the date on which the burial took place. The council has the right to remove any surface fittings, objects, flowers or other plants.

D10. LAWN LAY OUT (GREENHILL CEMETERY)
Greenhill Cemetery is laid out in a Lawn System which provides for a space at the head of the grave for placing of flowers and the erection of a memorial stone. The remaining portion of each grave shall be sown or planted with grass, which shall be left clear of any vases, holders, or other additions to allow grass cutting, which shall be undertaken by council staff. No person shall be permitted to plant a tree or shrub or sow grass on any grave.

GENERAL RULES
D11. Visitors are only permitted to access the Cemetery by one of the entrance gates. Visitors must confine themselves to the walks and on no account trespass on the grave plots, or grass and must not damage any tree, plant, shrub, or flower; or interfere with any wreath or memorial stones.