

"PAUPER'S" GRAVES, BALLYMONEY CEMETERY	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2017
TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	
FOR DECISION	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)		
Strategic Theme	Protecting and Enhancing our Environments and	
	Assets	
Outcome	Council will be acknowledging the provision and location of "Pauper's graves within Ballymoney Cemetery	
Lead Officer	Head of Estates	
Cost: (If applicable)	Nil	

## Background

As was typical of the times, when cemeteries were opened in the late 19<sup>th</sup> /early 20<sup>th</sup> century, an area of the cemetery was reserved for those who died in unfortunate circumstances and could not afford a Christian burial.

Knock Road cemetery, Ballymoney has a section which has been reserved for such occasions but to date no memorial marks this part of the cemetery. Local Funeral Director, James McMullan & Son, has generously suggested that he would supply and erect a memorial stone to mark this section at his cost. Detail of the proposal is attached in Appendix 1.

## Recommendation

It is recommended that Council accept this proposal and waive any fees associated with approvals. It is also recommended that Council write thanking James McMullan & Son for his generous offer.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE RESTING HERE IN UNMARKED GRAVES

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When this cemetery opened in 1882, these plots were set aside for people who died in unfortunate circumstances, with no means of affording a Christian burial.

This memorial marks the area in which they were interred. Rich and poor have this in common; The Lord is the Maker of them all. Prov. 22 v. 2 **Erected by James McMullan & Son Funeral Directors**