

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC TOILET WORKING GROUP AT CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL, 44 OLD STREET, CLEVEDON, BS21 6BU ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT

Councillor D. Shopland Chairman;
Councillors:- L. Knott, L. Little, T. Morgan, G Watkins

PTWG 14/14 RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Geldart (Illness).

PTWG 14/15 RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no disclosable or personal interests declared for items on the agenda.

PTWG 14/16 RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members received and agreed the minutes of the last meeting of the working group held on 17th June 2014, which had been ratified by Council on 2nd July 2014 These were signed by the Chairman as a true record

PTWG 14/17 TO RECEIVE RESPONSE FROM WRF&CA,

The Town Clerk informed members of the response received from WRF&CA. They would not agree to the North Somerset Council lease being re-assigned or the property being sub-let to the Town Council. They would require a new lease being drawn up with new terms and costs. The Town clerk informed members that this would involve legal costs plus if required a covering of any compensation payable in respect of the North Somerset Lease. The Members requested that the terms of the lease and an indication of costs be obtained. The members were reminded that the configuration of the toilets did not meet the current standards for public conveniences and there could be an issue relating to the requirements under Section 17 of Crime & Disorder act 1998.

Members were reminded that the toilets had been decommissioned.

PTWG 14/18 TO RECEIVE PROPOSALS FROM HEALTHMATIC FOR STATION ROAD TOILETS

Copy of the drawings and configurations had been circulated at the previous meeting. Members discussed the requirements to install urinals in the Station Road Toilets. The proposals by Healthmatic show 2 could be installed either side of the former disabled toilet. (The proposal by Healthmatic concerning the former disabled toilet is shown below). It was **AGREED** to recommend that 2 urinals are put in the former disabled toilet. Members discussed whether these should be free, a decision as to charging would be made by Council when all costings were available. It was pointed out to members that if the urinals were free this could be classed as discrimination and the Council could be open to a legal challenge.

It was queried why only Healthmatic had been approached in respect of the alterations. It was explained that the Council had a contract with Healthmatic that covered all the building, therefore any work done had to be through them or the Council could be open to a legal challenge and possible breach of contract. The Members noted the Town Clerks advice but decided to seek quotations from other companies.

PTWG 14/19 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS RE STATION ROAD TOILETS MADE DURING THE CONTRACT REVIEW MEETING.

Members were informed that during a visual survey carried out by Healthmatic it had been noticed that the traders who had acquired a RADAR key were using the disabled toilet free of charge, to the detriment of other users. The Council had decided that the RADAR key would override the charging mechanism. Healthmatic at the annual contract meeting (full details to be reported to FGP) had proposed at their cost putting a keypad lock on the former disabled toilet for the use of the traders. The Members did not agree to the proposal and decided that the toilet should be turned into 2 urinals see [PTWG 14/18]. It was **AGREED** that the former gents toilets area be rented to the market traders and if they wished they could install a toilet in the area at their cost and responsibility to clean and maintain. Any agreement would be done with the cooperation of Healthmatic who pay the rates for all the building.

PTWG 14/20 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON PIER COPSE TOILETS

Members discussed the Pier Copse toilets plus Alexandra Road both of which are currently operated under licence by the Pier Trust. Members were informed that the work on the new visitors centre has started and that confirmation had been received from the Pier Trust that the toilets would only be accessible from the pier for their visitors. It was noted that the Pier Copse/Alexandra Road toilets do not have disabled facilities and that the survey undertaken by North Somerset and circulated to Councillors during the former discussions and forms part of the current working group report indicate structural problems with both units.

It was agreed to keep a watching brief and confirm to NSC that the Council wished to reserve the sites for toilet provision in the future.

PTWG 14/21 TO RECEIVE AND AGREE THE DRAFT REPORT TO COUNCIL

A copy of the draft report had been circulated to all members via the Members Area on the web site. Members noted and agreed the draft report and agreed to include the above decisions.

PTWG 14/22 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTION POINTS AND DECIDE ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

It was agreed to request the information above and amend the draft report accordingly.

PTWG 14/23 TO DECIDE ON THE NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

The next meeting will be held once the requested information has been received.

Meeting closed at 8.10 am

Chairman Date