

Salcombe Town Council and Harbour Board proposals for public toilets

These proposals include the public toilets at Millbay, Ferry steps, Batson, Whitestrand, North Sands and South Sands.

- 1) STC & SHB would take over the running of and all costs associated with the six toilets from 1st October 2019.
- 2) This would initially run as a trial period for two years with the expectation of full asset transfer in Oct 2021 to STC with the exception (at this stage) of Batson and Whitestrand.
- 3) From figures supplied by SHDC, the running costs of these toilets is around £98K with £18K revenue from pay-on-entry if it were installed. This gives a net cost of around £80K per annum to SHDC. (Cathy did mention at the meeting that the running costs had now risen to £108K so this would mean a greater 'net cost'.)
- 4) SHDC would pass this net cost to STC but POE is **not** to be installed. STC & SHB also understand that this 'net cost' would not be fixed in perpetuity but would like an initial guarantee of this figure for a minimum of two years.
- 5) STC & SHB would like a 'visual' survey of all toilets from SHDC and an estimate of any repair costs required.
- 6) We understand works are required to the Millbay toilets in the region of £18K. SHB would be prepared to share these capital costs with SHDC (£9K each.) It is felt that the savings from capital costs of not installing POE in any of the six toilets would outweigh this expenditure by SHDC fivefold.
- 7) It was mooted at the meeting that Millbay had been earmarked for closure. This is true but was not part of SHDC's initial plans or cost savings. It was only when issues with the roof were uncovered that the POE was switched to closure. Given that capital repair costs of £18K are included in these proposals (see above,) STC & SHB feel it is only fair Millbay toilets are treated as the other council public toilets and their 'net costs' be included in these proposals.
- 8) STC & SHB would like to keep open the option of increasing car parking and/or boat storage charges as a way of raising revenue to help running costs – similar to Bigbury and Torcross. We understand there may be some legal hurdles but in our minds the Salcombe car parks should be treated as a 'destination Salcombe' with many of the users taking advantage of the public toilets across the town and East Portlemouth.
- 9) STC & SHB accept that Cliff House Garden toilets are earmarked for closure. However we would like to have an idea of the capital costs required to bring them back into use. It may be we choose to carry out the works but again accept there would be no provision from SHDC to help with running costs.

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