

## **PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL: 29 JULY 2025**

### **AGENDA ITEM 11: CORNWALL COUNCIL LINK ROAD TOILETS**

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1 Council at its meeting on 25 March 2025 **RESOLVED** to decline the offer to operate the Link Road Toilets and to note that Cornwall Council, having resolved not to fund this provision, intend to close the toilets on 1 April 2025.
- 1.2 At that meeting it was outlined that previously Cornwall Council had applied a levy from the Link Road Car Park income to subsidise the Link Road toilets however this had been removed.
- 1.3 Council also outlined that it already operates 3 sets of public conveniences and does not have the staff resources to take on another. Concern was also expressed regarding the condition of the Link Road facility and level of associated anti-social behaviour.

#### **2. Further Information**

- 2.1 At a recent Council meeting Councillor O'Keefe in his capacity as Cornwall Councillor advised that Cornwall Council would address any defects. This was confirmed in an email from Cornwall Council's Environment Manager who also advised that they were unable to offer any revenue grant to run the facility.
- 2.2 Councillor O'Keefe informed Council at its meeting that a one-off grant of £10,000 would be provided by Cornwall Council should the Council wish to review their decision on this matter. This hasn't been forthcoming as yet in any correspondence from CC.
- 2.3 As advised at the Council's Annual Meeting, the Social Club have a petition on the matter which is being directed to Cornwall Council. Padstow Town Council has not had any queries/issues reported to them on the closure.
- 2.4 The Community and Facilities Committee did outline at its recent meeting it wished to add to its work programme the suggestion of possible disabled/family toilets on the Lawns Car Park for consideration at its budget meeting. This will of course require input from the Personnel and Staffing Committee due to impact on staffing matters should this be progressed any further.
- 2.5 Earlier this year Padstow Town Council received a significant water bill for "Padstow Library, The Core Building". After much toing and froing with the water company, SWW visited the site and undertook various checks which resulted in confirmation that this has not been generated from any PTC properties. SWW turned off the affected meter. The Town Clerk has informed CC of this matter as it would seem that this could potentially be a leak/issue with Link Road toilets and another reason to not take on this facility. The invoice now standing at just under £35,000.

#### **3. Council Considerations**

- 3.1 Whilst there is new information, as detailed in this report, this information has no positive impact on revenue expenditure for the toilets and it highlights potential longer term issues with Link Road toilets and also conversations Council's Committees' may wish to have to explore other options in the locality.