

Informal Meeting between CCBC Officer (GW), Dylan Thomas - Town Clerk and Cllr Bernice (Conwy CCBC Councillor) – Monday 18/12/2023 @ 11am

- CCBC Public Toilets on Sandbank Road in Towyn have been closed for approx. 18 months, due to structural issues, the toilet building needs to be fully under pinned, which is likely to cost between £80/100k to address. CCBC have explored various options, and replacement toilet pods have been costed at approx. £110k, plus £30/40k for planning and other related costs. (The proposed toilet pods would not be self-cleaning, as apparently the self-cleaning pods are extremely expensive to maintain/unreliable).
- Conwy CBC are looking to remove the temporary portaloos, as they are not being used over the winter months, and it's unlikely that they will be re-installed in the spring, as they have been extremely expensive to maintain, and have been subject to constant abuse and vandalism. CCBC have been covering the significant additional running costs for the portaloos from their other budget lines, which they can't sustain.
- Realistically, given the present financial constraints at CCBC, it's unlikely that the toilets will be re-opened, however CCBC then have the dilemma what to do with the building, as it will apparently cost approx. £80k to demolish and make good the area.
- Also, CCBC will take into account the constant vandalism and criminal damage which the toilets are subject to each year, as the result of the damage, the toilets have been out of order/closed for extended periods, and are a financial burden to Conwy CBC.
- The three options in the letter dated 20/11/2023 from Amanda Hughes (Strategic Director - Finance and Resources) were discussed, and the CCBC Officer confirmed that the Option A, in which it was proposed that a Town Council would sponsor by way of a 10% contribution, was only applicable for a fully operational toilet facility, and given that the Sandbank Road toilets are closed and unlikely to reopen, then this option did not apply.
- The Conwy CBC officer was advised that TKBTC have no appetite to even consider either Option B (Where the Town Council clean the facilities with continued provision of the cleaning consumables and equipment from CCBC, or Option C (Which relates to the full transfer of the facility from CCBC to the Town Council.
- The CCBC officer has advised, that once the 2024 -25 budgets/funding is fully know/confirmed, CCBC will be need to make a decision how to proceed, but in all likelihood the toilets will close, and CCBC hope that additional businesses in Towyn will sign up for the Conwy CBC Community Toilet Scheme. Once a decision has been made, CCBC will formally write to TKBTC to bring the Town Council fully up to date.