

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Town Infrastructure committee
Meeting date	12 January 2023
Agenda item	13

Public conveniences in Abingdon

Details of email correspondence with officers of the Vale of White Horse District Council. The names and contact details of the correspondents at the Vale of White Horse District Council have been removed.

From: Nigel Warner <Nigel.Warner@abingdon.gov.uk>
Sent: 29 June 2022 15:34
Subject: WC facilities in Abingdon

At our council meeting on 30 March:

- It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk write to the district council to ask for,
1. an update in relation to the toilets in Hales meadow,
 2. State that the toilets in the Abbey Meadow require urgent repair specifically the Changing Spaces facility; and those in the Charter are dilapidated – what are the Vales intentions.
 3. To request that the district council review all their signage in relation to the public toilets and keep them up to date.
 4. In recognition of fact that any works in relation to the public toilets will take some time to complete and that the town council requests a contribution from the district council amounting to 50% of the costs incurred by the town council in operating the 'Space for Change' in the Guildhall.

We have another meeting this evening and so any information you could give me re nos 1-3 would be very helpful as it may come up in "matters arising."

Democratically the matter rests with our town infrastructure committee which next meets on 21 July so a response in any case by 14 July would be great as I can then report more formally.

Kind regards

Nigel Warner

From:
Sent: 29 June 2022 16:44
To: Nigel Warner <Nigel.Warner@abingdon.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: WC facilities in Abingdon

In response:

1. an update in relation to the toilets in Hales meadow, - **they should all be working fine, problem with door opening has been rectified**
2. State that the toilets in the Abbey Meadow require urgent repair specifically the Changing Spaces facility; and those in the Charter are dilapidated – what are the Vales intentions.
We have met with a local cllr and the issue with the Changing Places door at Abbey M has been rectified.
We are seeking quotes to carry out repairs to the toilets at the Charter which are closed due to extensive vandalism
3. To request that the district council review all their signage in relation to the public toilets and keep them up to date. **Noted for Mark to consider**
4. In recognition of fact that any works in relation to the public toilets will take some time to complete and that the town council requests a contribution from the district council amounting to 50% of the costs incurred by the town council in operating the 'Space for Change' in the Guildhall. **Please let us know the amount of 50% of the cost so we can consider.**

Hope that helps.

Regards

From: Nigel Warner
Sent: 25 July 2022 14:56
Subject: RE: WC facilities in Abingdon

Further to the e-mail below, our estimated costs for operating the Space for Change at the Guildhall this year are £10,140. If the Vale could consider a contribution as per my e-mail that would be very much appreciated.

We had a meeting of our Town Infrastructure Committee last Thursday (21 July) and wondered if there was any update re the Charter WCs and signage?

Nigel Warner

From: Nigel Warner
Sent: 16 November 2022 11:39
Subject: RE: WC facilities in Abingdon

Further to my e-mail in July I have been asked by councillors for a further update on WCs in Abingdon and also your response to assisting with the Space for Change costs at the

Guildhall. I have a report going out Friday so if it were possible for an update by then that would be great. Happy to speak by phone – 07902 812821.

Kind regards

Nigel Warner

From: Town Clerk <townclerk@abingdon.gov.uk>

Sent: 24 November 2022 20:32

Subject: RE: WC facilities in Abingdon

I had a meeting this evening and I am being pushed by councillors, especially in relation to our request for some payment towards the space for change facility which is operated by the town council at the Guildhall. If you could take a look for me that would be very much appreciated.

Kind regards

Nigel Warner

From:

Sent: 25 November 2022 12:31

Subject: RE: WC facilities in Abingdon

Nigel,

Apologies for the tardy response.

The District Council is not in a position to help fund the Space for Change facility in the Guildhall.

Since we have reopened Abbey House the toilets at reception are accessible to the public as an alternative.

Plans are in place to fully reopen the Abbey Meadow facilities after rectification of the vandalism damage.

Decisions on the extensive and costly works needed to bring Charter Carpark toilets back in to service are on hold pending clarity on the wider future of Charter Carpark.

In the meantime I note your query about keeping signage and notices updated with current situation, and my team have been instructed to review this regularly, and replace any notices as they get removed.

Best Regards

From: Town Clerk <townclerk@abingdon.gov.uk>

Sent: 24 November 2022 20:24

Subject: WC provision in Abingdon

This evening the town council's infrastructure committee considered the provision of public toilets in Abingdon. There remains an overall concern regarding the provision of WCs, with condition of the toilets at the Charter and the continued vandalism at the Abbey Grounds.

It was noted that the Abbey House toilets were, prior to the relocation of the Vale offices to Wallingford, operating as public toilets and the request is that these again be made available as public toilets. Would it be possible to come back to me on this please?

Kind regards

Nigel Warner