

COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2020

COMMUNITY TOILET SCHEME

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To approve a community toilet scheme with the Auberge.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A previous administration had an arrangement with two establishments whereby the public were permitted to use the toilets in return for an annual payment. This arrangement was terminated in 2018 as it was considered that these arrangements offered little benefit given that the establishments were close to existing toilet blocks. The annual amount paid by the Council was £1000 a year for each establishment.
- 2.2 Since March 2020, the toilet block at White Horse Lane has been closed and several Councillors have been contacted by residents expressing their dissatisfaction with the lack of public toilet facilities at the top end of Frogmore Street.
- 2.3 As a result, Councillors agreed at the meeting on 14 October to request that the Clerk contacts businesses in Frogmore Street regarding the provision of a community toilet scheme.

3. COMMUNITY TOILET SCHEME PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The manager at the Auberge has been approached and the proposal for a Community Toilet Scheme discussed. The Auberge was approached first as they have long opening hours, opening from 10am in the morning until late.
- 3.2 The Auberge is willing to enter into an agreement with the Town Council for the sum of £1000 a year. This is in line with previous payments and will offset additional costs incurred by the Auberge associated with increased use. The arrangement can be terminated at any time by either party subject to three-month notice. The Auberge will display a poster or sticker (provided by the Town Council) to promote this scheme.
- 3.3 It is proposed that this arrangement comes into effect from 1st January 2021 and a pro rata payment of £250 is paid to cover the period January – March 2021 after which the yearly sum of £1000 will apply.
- 3.4 Should Councillors agree to this proposal, it is suggested that the public is made aware of the scheme through the Abergavenny Chronicle column, contact with groups such as Action 50+ and through direct contact between Councillors and residents.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To agree to enter into an arrangement with the Auberge for a Community Toilet Scheme.