

## **Toilets Working Group**

Meeting held on Friday 21 September 2018 in the Green Room, All Saints Church, Gurnard.

Attended by: Councillors Bugden, Jacobs, Laurens, Nolan, Orrey and Vaughan, and the clerk.

### **1 ELECTION OF A CHAIR**

As this was the first meeting of the new working group, a councillor was required to chair the meeting. Councillor Laurens was proposed, seconded and duly elected.

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **3 TOILET CLEANING CONTRACT**

The problems with the existing toilet cleaning contract were discussed. The clerk presented a spreadsheet which recorded all problems to date which have been reported to her. Councillors recognised that the block is in a poor state of repair, but were unhappy with the standard of cleaning currently being provided. Discussion took place regarding a deep clean being commissioned, followed by a change of contractor. Councillors Bugden and Laurens will approach a couple of local ladies to see if they would be interested initially in the short term with a view to taking on the cleaning for a longer period. Quotations will also be obtained from alternative cleaning contractors, as individuals may not wish to commit to cleaning 7 days a week, 52 weeks of the year.

### **4 REFURBISHMENT**

The clerk presented two quotations obtained for a complete refurbishment of the block which ranged from £70,610.55 (from a mainland contractor who has expressed they do not want the work) to £30,337.35. These quotations were both rejected at this time, while councillors then discussed a totally new approach with taking out the internal walls and installing 3 or 4 unisex cubicles and a new disabled facility. Much discussion took place, and it was decided to carry out site visits to several facilities on the Island to seek ideas. A local architect will also be approached to attend a group meeting to share advice on the project. Several local builders could then be approached to provide quotations.

### **5 SITE VIST**

Following the meeting a visit was made by group members to the toilet block to assess possible ideas to be carried out.

#### **ACTIONS:**

- 1 Councillors Bugden and Laurens to approach local cleaners to see if they would be interested in the contract.
- 2 The clerk will contact a local architect for assistance in the design.
- 3 The clerk will contact local companies to provide quotations for a Deep Clean of the toilet block.
- 4 Councillors will carry out site visits to other public toilet blocks on the Island

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1 **That a Deep Clean and De-scale of the toilet block is carried out as soon as possible with the most cost effective company**
- 2 **That subject to the outcome of Action Point 1, the existing toilet cleaners are given one month's notice.**