

LEADHILLS COMMUNITY COMPANY

Minutes of toilet block meeting

Fire Station

6th September 2019

Present: Robert McCafferty, Sue Pinkus, Martin Pinkus, Rab Campbell, Pat Wilders, Gerard Godfrey, Carsten Kressel (Via phone link)

Gerard gave a background briefing on his consultation with South Lanarkshire Council. Initially they were amenable for the sale of the block and land but Property would only be happy to lease at a peppercorn rent.

Property Service Manager – questions relating to the organisation that would operate the toilets together with Health & Safety and Hygiene.

Gerard confirmed that the toilets would be temporary whilst looking to put up a more permanent structure.

A problem would then be revenue funding:

Perhaps through SSE's community funding but as yet there is no information on the set up and start date. Martin Holingworth (Chair Leadhills Community Council) would be the one to contact about this.

Clyde wind Farm money would be available over 2 years but this would only be in conjunction with capital funding.

SSE's general Scotland fund

Approximately 8.5k would be needed for running costs at the moment. The biggest cost would be water which is metered. We would have to be a charity to get these down or even perhaps to zero. Also business rates would be 80% less.

Katy McInnes – would be willing to give a licence to run the toilets.

Suggested applying next year to run under licence from April to October

Lease would be 25 years (Foundation Scotland would require this for funding) which could be broken on either side.

It was decided that the following tasks would be undertaken:

Business plan for applying for a lease (Pat)

Approach Community Council about SSE community funding (Martin)

Insurance costs

Gerard and Robert to take forward obtaining a licence from SLC

Meeting closed 11.10am.