

PUBLIC MEETING

13 FEBRUARY 2019

THE STORY SO FAR.....

- 2015 – Powys Cabinet resolved to pay 20% of annual car park income in return for Hay Town Council taking over the running of public toilets & recreation facilities (worth around £20 -25k p.a.& increasing year on year)
- Agreed in principle to an asset transfer of the Council Building. HTC have leased the building since 2008 saving PCC an estimated £20k p.a. with Registrar continuing to use a room with no charge.

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- HTC given a 'loan' of £70k to refurbish the toilets –repayable @£10k p.a.
- Licenses exchanged, confirmation letter received re: payment but legal agreements not signed.
- No money received, so no loan repayments made

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- September 2017 – finally met with new cabinet – “everything up in the air”. Not aware of timescale given re: library options
- December 2018 –Cabinet finally ‘discuss’ proposal put forward by Portfolio Holder (Highways, Recycling Assets)
- Still no notification of the outcome of the meeting
- Still no money!

Current Situation - Finances

Cabinet Decision:

- No car park income to be paid, either from previous years or in future
- The 'loan' will be written off
- By August 2019 we would have received a minimum of £95K (conservative estimate) & repaid £40k on the loan.
- Legal advice suggests we have a strong case

Current Situation Public Toilets

Cabinet Decision, 2 options:

1. Hay TC continue to run them with no financial support
 2. Hand them back with no guarantee that they will be kept open.
- Toilets cost £30k p.a. – we receive around £18k income – would have to use around 25% of annual precept to keep them open.
 - Town Council have made decision to return toilets to PCC – with your mandate we will fight any attempt at closure.

Current Situation Recreation Facilities

Cabinet Decision:

- To grant HTC a 99 year lease on the recreation facilities
- Allow Bowls Club to build a new pavilion for their use
- Without car park income HTC unable to provide same level of financial support, so onus is now on the Sports Clubs.

Current situation - Council Building

Cabinet Decision:

- To give HTC 12 months notice of termination of lease
- Leader of PCC indicated that they “would make sure the tenants are OK”
- Dial a Ride and 7 other businesses potentially affected

Also

Current Cabinet budget proposals:

- Library is once again under threat (need to find around £15k)
- Registrar Service to be withdrawn from Hay