

Agenda Item 12

Kitchen / 2nd Office

The existing Kitchen at 55 Gisburn Road is a waste of valuable space. The only facilities required for catering are drinks making and preparation and heating of light snacks. The room is also used for the MP surgeries and the Police for private interviews and reflects badly on the parish. The present facilities are a mixture of recycled kitchen units from the 1960's acquired from St Clement Court during refurbishment over 15 years ago. The furniture is a mixture of office and kitchen with the alcoves being used as overspill storage for older files and other council equipment.

Cllr. J. Gibson has decorated the hallway stairs and the toilet and after looking at the kitchen feels it would benefit from repapering. So now is possibly the time to refurbish the kitchen area so that it can reflect its dual purpose. With possibly units similar to the office with shelving above in the alcoves to provide additional tidy storage with a new sink built into the worktop with a new desk and seating. The cost would probably be around £1500.00 with most of the removal work being carried out by the handyman.

This project could be partially funded by underspend in some of the budget areas for 2007-08 and a small proportion of the capital spend budget. The efficient utilisation of this space and dual use will outweigh the initial cost to the council and improve both the aesthetics of the kitchen area and the public perception of the building as a community facility.