

# Toilet at the Bowling Pavilion

## Background:

Pendle Borough Council are willing to have the existing disabled toilet which has independent access from the outside of the building currently being used as a store into a coin operated public toilet. The cost of installing the necessary coin operated equipment is £1850.00 and would not be met from Pendle Borough Councils central fund.

It was agreed at the meeting that the Friends of Barrowford Memorial Park apply for a grant to the Barrowford and Western Parishes Area Committee for a grant to cover the costs of these works. These grants will be decided at the July BWPAC meeting and if successful the work will follow. Pendle as the property owners would be responsible for any signage, rates, insurance and utility costs whilst Barrowford Parish Council would take over the cleaning and maintenance of the toilet and in return would keep all receipts.

## Initial Costings to Barrowford Parish Council:

To give some idea of the financial commitment provisional estimates for the annual operating costs are:

**Table 1**

Inspection and cleaning based on 4 visits per week @10/visit	£2080.00
Cleaning materials, toilet rolls, hand wash etc. @£5 per week	£260.00
<b>Annual total cost</b>	<b>£2340.00</b>
Access Charges estimated @20p per visit, averaging 5 visits per day	£365.00
<b>Estimated net annual cost to Council</b>	<b>£1975.00</b>

This is the estimated cost for a full financial year and considering that the grant application and the completion of works takes time it is not unrealistic to envisage the opening being around the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015. Opening at that date would significantly reduce the expenditure and income for 2015-16. It should also be taken into account that the remainder of the current financial year will include autumn, winter and spring and being the period of least use of the park income could be significantly reduced. The figures in Table 2 take account of these facts.

**Table 2**

Inspection and cleaning based on 4 visits per week @10/visit	£1214.00
Cleaning materials, toilet rolls, hand wash etc. @£5 per week	£152.00
<b>Annual total cost</b>	<b>£1366.00</b>
Access Charges estimated @20p per visit, averaging 2 visits per day	£86.00
<b>Estimated net annual cost to Council</b>	<b>£1280.00</b>

## Available Funding within the 2015-16 Budget:

Some of the £1280.00 can be identified from economies within the 2015-16 budget but the Council will initially need to secure financial assistance from the Friend of

Barrowford Memorial Park to cover the entire cost for 2015-16. This is not unreasonable considering that the Friends Group were key in instigating this scheme. The Council would require a grant of £280.00 from the Friends Group to cover the shortfall in budget.

**Table 3**

Reduction in the Administration Budget	550.00
Donations	50.00
Contingency	400.00
Grant from Friends Group	280.00
<b>Projected Funding for 2015-16</b>	<b>£1280.00</b>

**Implications to 2015-16 Budget and the Councils Reserves:**

These unbudgeted costs would have little impact on the overall budget for 2015-16 subject to a grant being awarded from the Friends group. Given that there is still some outstanding income to be collected the council's reserves would not be affected during 2015-16.