

Trefriw Public Toilets Options Update August 2025

Option 1 - Do nothing

Don't pay any money to CCBC and allow them to close the toilets, thereby losing the facility to residents and visitors.

This is not what our consultation found – the majority of residents who responded want to retain the public toilets

Option 2 – Make a financial settlement to CCBC

CCBC may offer a settlement to continue cleaning and maintaining the toilets in 2026/27, but there is yet no promise of this being an option. The sum requested is likely to be in excess of this year's quotation of circa £16k as CCBC must remain cost neutral.

- We may be able to request seasonal opening as we have this year, if this is offered by CCBC.
- Reducing the floor area by closing some of the facilities is not currently supported by CCBC.

Consultation found that there is little appetite for the community to pay an increase in the precept to meet any increased costs to retain the toilets. Can we seek sponsorship?

Option 3 – take ownership of the public toilets

Taking ownership means meeting all costs:

- Legal costs to take ownership (likely less than £1,000)
- Business rates (if applicable)
- Insurance
- Water rates
- Electricity
- Consumables
- Repairs and maintenance
- Cleaning is **the principal cost** e.g. the cleaner from Dowyddelan has indicated that he could come over on alternate days at £18 ph. plus travel time (approx. 50 minutes so £36 per clean). Three days each week at £36 = £5,616 p.a.
- The Woollen Mill have said that they are willing to be key holders to unlock / lock, as has Caffi Doti. They close on different days so we could have this done 7 days a week.
- We would then have the option of closing the ladies and gents toilets and operate the disabled toilet as accessible to all. This would reduce some costs but mostly cleaning.
- We could consider charging by:
 - having a donation pot
 - installing a 50p cash slot (a replacement door with machine costs approx. £3k) although income wouldn't meet costs
 - installing a card reader (a replacement door is likely to be approx. £3k as above, and the card company would charge a fee, likely in excess of any monies taken) and income wouldn't meet costs as above for cash

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Cllr Bowen is trying to engage the services of a building surveyor to gauge the condition of the toilet block is in before we would be thinking of taking it on together with potential costs.

Option 4 – let the toilet block close and position a Portaloo somewhere

CSS in Whitchurch 0800 0643 756 offer a disabled unit at £70 per week plus VAT, inclusive of consumables and a weekly service. Delivery and removal both cost £30.

£70 x 52 weeks = £3,640 per annum ex VAT

Waterloo Hire in Rhyl 01745 592001 offer a disabled unit at £35 per week plus VAT, inclusive of consumables and a weekly service. Delivery and removal both cost £25.

£35 x 52 weeks = £1,820 per annum ex VAT

Toilets to Go in Wrexham don't have enough disabled units to provide a unit long term.

Cllr Ellis has contacted ERF (ref 133057) to ask whether a disabled toilet could be located on Gower Road, near the Crest textile bank although it is still unclear who is responsible within CCBC for addressing this query. C. Cllr Roberts is also trying to ascertain who would be able to address this question.

Example of an accessible Portaloo against a standard one

