



The Felixstowe Allotment Association (FAA) in 2021 trialled the use of a portable “festival” toilet at the Cowpasture site for a six month period over the summer. Premier toilet hire provided the unit.

The hire and maintenance costs were shared equally by the Town Council and FAA. The toilet was sited on a parking area close to the perimeter fence beside Candlet Road. It was well received, used by a variety of tenants and their families and the feedback was very positive with no negatives or abuse.

As expected tenants including our member’s are now keen to see it return. With the recent construction of a new community building on plot 39 (thanks to a council grant) we now have an opportunity to position a toilet beside the shop and therefore very close to the new building.

The toilet can be positioned on a permanent base with privacy screening and by its very location is now central to the entire allotment site and therefore even more accessible to all tenants.

The Association has looked at a variety of toilets including “composting” but in short most need regular intervention and ongoing procedures to deal with the contents. Some cassette types require storage for up to twelve months and then final disposal. Costs for toilets and buildings can be well in excess of £6k. The blunt truth is that few members are prepared to commit to this type of system and long term it is not likely to succeed.

It is the case that Premier toilet hire will sell a “used” unit, fully working and will maintain it thereafter. The servicing intervals can be decided by the customer linked to use.

The Allotment Association would propose the following:

They purchase two second hand units. One for Cowpasture allotment site (314 plots) and a second for Ferry Road (97) plots. Ferry Road has a car park to site it upon. The service vehicle can drive to both the units.

The servicing interval for each unit is once a month (unless circumstances dictate otherwise) .

The monthly servicing is paid for by the Council, who already deal with this company.

I am being quoted by Premier that the cost to buy two is £600 plus VAT. Each service is £25 plus VAT.

Future repairs or spare parts etc can be carried out by Premier toilets.



It is accepted that on current costs the yearly commitment for the Council will be £600 plus VAT (which is then recoverable), assuming the figures quoted can't be reduced as the Council is an existing customer and may have a different payment profile to us.

The Allotment Association has about 275 members on five sites. We do accept that a toilet at every site is unlikely but selecting the main two sites is entirely reasonable in this day and age.

I would add that with the Trelawny Place development now "closing in" on Cowpasture it may be possible to see a fully flushing toilet in the years to come. Persimmon the builder has been approached but that early conversation is very much in its infancy and any sewer access is unlikely until Phase two is well underway (in a number of years).

I trust the above is sufficient to enable an informed discussion by the Assets and Services committee 23rd February. I'm more than happy to meet with the said councillors.

Neville Farthing

FAA Chair