



## **STRICHEN COMMUNITY PARK COMPANY**

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10<sup>th</sup> August 2022

### **Strichen Town House Proposed Community Asset Purchase of Bridge Street Toilet Block:**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Strichen Community Park Company negotiated the asset transfer of The Strichen Town House from Aberdeenshire Council to the Strichen community in 2014-16 and carried out the initial planning applications for developing the building as per Planning Application (B/APP2018/0494) having gained LEADER funding for this stage of the proposed development.

The approved planning proposal was the first stage of upgrading the Town House for full access, renovating the water damaged and dry rot affected internal first floor hall and carrying out many safeguarding measures to secure this Grade A Listed iconic building.

A fundamental part of our support was to ensure that the toilets, which had been unused and locked up by Aberdeenshire Council for several years, would be incorporated into the proposed project with alternative facilities provided within the refurbished Town House.

In November 2019 The Strichen Town House SCIO was established and we handed over all responsibility for The Town House to that community business.

The only public toilets available within Strichen are within our Café, The Lodge, at the Community Park. These are open daily during the Café opening hours 10.00am to 4.00pm. The use of these facilities has now required us to make a connection to the mains sewer, at our own cost, due to the public's use of the facility. We are also aware from the visitors to the Park and other visitors to the village that toilets need to be open for longer than the Lodge can commit to, but which The Town House will be able to support.

I can therefore confirm that Strichen Community Park Company fully support the proposed Community Asset Transfer of this toilet block by Strichen Town House SCIO.

Yours faithfully,

Chair, Strichen Community Park Company