



Community Asset Transfer of the Public Toilets at Melvich, Sutherland KW14 7YJ

1. INTRODUCTION

Highland Council currently own and operate the public toilets in Melvich. The availability of, and access to, clean private public toilets are essential for both locals and visitors.

WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THIS SURVEY: Everyone!

You may respond on someone else's behalf. You do not need to be a registered carer, you may be a friend, partner, or family member. We welcome all contributions. **If you wish to respond on behalf of multiple people, you will need to complete the survey multiple times.**

As part of the design of the Melvich Community Hub we are considering incorporating new public toilet facilities that meet modern standards and are suitable for use by persons of all abilities. If public access toilets are incorporated into the hub a portion will be open to the public and some reserved for hall users. In the case of a large event the entire toilet facility would be opened up for use.

There are costs associated with providing public toilet facilities (such as employing a cleaner for the facilities) however there are also opportunities to have these costs offset by users or grant funded. Melvich Community SCIO are keen to ensure that suitable public toilet provision is available in Melvich. We have expressed interest to Highland Council for a community asset transfer of the Melvich public toilets. Our intent (if supported by our community and visitors) is to incorporate the public toilets into our building. Once the new toilets are functioning, then we would take formal ownership of the existing toilets and demolish them.

We must evidence support in the community for/against the Community Asset Transfer Application. Your opinion is important, so please complete this quick questionnaire.

Closing date for questionnaire returns is 18th April 2022.

You can complete this survey online using this link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PUBLICTOILETSURVEY/>

1. Please tell us if you are answering for yourself or on someone else's behalf?

Myself

Someone else

**2. What are your needs, or the needs of the person you are responding on the behalf of?
SELECT ONE**

- I can use general toilets
- I require an accessible toilet (disabled toilet)
- I require a Changing Place (a fully accessible toilet with additional space and equipment, including a height adjustable changing bench and a hoist)
- Other requirements (please specify):

**3. Please tell us what specific facilities/furnishings are important to you, or the needs of the person you are responding on the behalf of, in relation to publicly accessible toilets.
SELECT ALL THAT APPLY**

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alarm system to call for help | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-slip flooring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby changing facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Screen or curtain for privacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changing bench | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centrally placed toilet
(peninsular arrangement with
space for carers either side) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sufficient space for my carer(s)
to help me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grab rails | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste bin for disposable pads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Height adjustable washbasin | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hoist | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other facilities or furnishings required (please specify): | |

**4. Please tick what best describes you, or the person that you are responding on behalf of.
SELECT ONE**

- Resident of Melvich Community Council area
- Resident of Caithness or Sutherland (outside of the Melvich Community Council area)
- Visitor to the area or potential visitor to the area (e.g. NC500 tourist)
- Delivery driver or other person passing through Melvich for work
- Other description (please specify):

5. Have you ever used the Melvich public toilets?

- Yes
- No

6. Do you think the toilets should be open 24 hours?

- Yes
- No

7. There are costs associated with providing public toilet facilities (such as employing a cleaner for the facilities) however there are also opportunities to have these costs offset by users or grant funded. Melvich Community SCIO are keen to ensure that suitable public toilet provision is available in Melvich.

Do you believe it would be appropriate to charge for using the new improved facilities? *

- Yes
- No

8. If you support having to pay a minimal amount for use of the new Public Toilet facilities - what do you feel is a fair price?

This question does not relate to the toilets that will be inside the main building for Hall Users Only and free to use.

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

- 20 pence
- 50 pence
- £1.00
- A voluntary donation box.

9. Do you think that Melvich public toilets are fit for purpose and suitable for use by persons of all abilities? *

Yes

No

10. If you do not think that the existing Melvich public toilets are fit for purpose and suitable then please provide further information on why you think that and what needs to be improved?

11. Do you support the proposal outlined for Melvich Community SCIO (Scottish registered charity number SC050942) to begin the Community Asset Transfer of the toilets from the Highland Council? *

Yes

No

12. Any other comments you wish us to consider?

13. Name (Optional)

14. Address or email address (optional)

HOW TO RETURN THE COMPLETED SURVEY:

Email: secretary@melvichcommunityscio.org

Post/By Hand: 2 Sinclair Gardens, Portskerra KW147YX

Drop Off: WestEnd Stores/Post Office

Contact for Queries: Trudy Perry - 07521 464 376 (after 11am)