

To all Members of Moray Council

5th October 2009

Dear Councillor

We have been invited to make a final submission re our hydrotherapy pool project.

It is now exactly 4 years since we put it to the Council that the long term cost to the Council might be £20,000 per year. This has not changed. Your officials have helped us to scrutinise our estimated expenditure and, although there has been some shuffling of the cards, the bottom line is still the same.

Of our estimated expenditure (£60,000):

One-third (£20,000) is the cost of the Council's staff time in supervision & maintenance

One-third (£20,000) is a very generous provision for depreciation of the building (over 25 years) & equipment (over 10 years)

One-third (£20,000) is the cost of materials, heat, light & power, water, insurance etc

Even if our income stream were zero the additional cash cost to be met would be only £20,000.

This £450,000 facility being offered to the Council is an unrivalled asset for the health and wellbeing of the community. No pools in the Council's area are self-financing but are significantly subsidised and we believe that the hydrotherapy pool should be on a level playing field with the others.

While we are very positive about bringing this facility to Moray, we cannot expect to retain indefinitely the huge support that we have received from the community, local builders and other benevolent groups. We have reached a point after 4 years that if we cannot be clear to proceed by the end of this year then we cannot see the project going ahead as envisaged. This would be a great loss to the area.

Yours sincerely

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