

Girvan's super loos are heading down the pan as floor is replaced after less than a year



South Ayrshire, Scotland, Press Release, Elizabeth G. Yokel, April 18, 2016: Girvan's flash new toilets are going down the pan already. The vinyl flooring of the £465,000 Girvan Harbour facility is lifting despite only being laid under a year ago. The loo design has failed the ultimate test of withstanding the exposed coastline weather.

A source said: "Surely the flooring should last longer than a few months. The council have spent hundreds of thousands of pounds on these public toilets. They should be weather proof at least." The linoleum in all of the five public toilets is lifting. South Ayrshire Council workers have visited the site to assess the damage. Now the contractors are being pulled into do the job all over again free of charge.

No date has been set for the replacement flooring but the council has vowed the toilets will remain open while the work is carried out. Donald Gillies, council head of property and risk, said: "As part of our routine monitoring within what is known as the 'defects period', we have identified that the vinyl floor covering at the Girvan Harbour toilets needs to be replaced to ensure the quality of our toilet provision is maintained at all times. This will be replaced by the contractor at no cost to the council and disruption will be kept to a minimum during the works."

The Girvan Harbour facilities were unveiled last July and hailed as "fit for the 21st century" by South Ayrshire Council deputy leader John McDowall. More than £1m has been poured into the harbour with a new harbour master's office and pontoons. The coastal hub boasts changing rooms for fishermen and yacht owners. There is also a baby change room and laundry facilities. The marina attracts about 500 boats a year.

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