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STATEMENT TO BANES COUNCIL MEETING REGARDING
VICTORIA HALL

It is ironic we are holding this meeting here tonight, when a far more suitable venue, should be the badly neglected Victoria Hall. Reference to local newspaper archives from Victorian times to date reveals just how important the hall has been to the functioning of our community. From Mining lectures and exams to dances and dog walking, the hall is mentioned on a weekly basis as a essential part of Radstocks social activities.

If hard headed Victorian mine owners such as the Waldergraves and Beauchamp's had the vision to realise the social importance of the hall, surely we with our modern social values can share and build on this vision to keep this valuable asset for the continuing use of the community.

It is unthinkable that the hall cannot continue this valuable social function, yes refurbishment will cost, but be a far better investment in our town than many current proposals.

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