

Address by Keith McGarrigle to Members of the B&NES Council "Trust Board" sub Committee of the Bath Residents' Recreation Ground Charity meeting being held at the Guildhall, Bath, on Thursday 17th July '08 at 10 a.m.

The filthy quagmired state of the Rec following the removal of the East Stands is still there for all to see and is a disgrace to B&NES Council as a whole. No other Council I can think of would desecrate a World Heritage site in this way, let alone deprive its residents of the Open Space benefits to which they are legally entitled.

The situation shames you all and if any further leases are granted for another year of this unlawful mis-use and abuse, then you have yourselves to blame if you are stopped.

In the present circumstances it would seem very unwise for Bath Rugby to be selling tickets to earn business revenue from the Rec to which it appears they are not entitled, and if you proceed to abuse your powers in defiant breach of trust then you and Bath Rugby Plc will do so knowing what the consequences may be.

As regards any of the reports referred to in the agenda, no consultation has taken place, and no proper time has been given for their consideration. No action should therefore be taken on any of them until after the Charity Commission has reached its promised decision on the information they have demanded from you by the 1st August '08.

I also object most strongly to the beneficiaries, as owners of the Rec, being excluded from any discussions regarding the Charity's affairs and would point out that it is this kind of deviousness and secrecy that has enabled you to proceed for six years in contempt of the High Court and to get the Charity into the deplorable mess it is now in.

This must stop and openness and absolute honesty must prevail if any progress is to be made without further legal action.

I wish this statement to be placed with the public records of today's meeting so that all might see what is still going on.

Keith McGarrigle
18.7.08.

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