

Statement by Mr M J W Gilson as Chair on behalf of the Friends of Bath Residents' Recreation Ground Charity No. 1094510, to B&NES Councillors representing the Corporate Council Trustees at the Bath Guildhall on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009

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As the deplorable and unlawful mis-use and abuse of our city centre Recreation Ground still continues to expand unabated three minutes today allows me insufficient time to deal with even a fraction of the Council's continuing abuses of power, contempt for the High Court, the law or proper duty of care to deprived residents other than to comment on such outrageous issues as the potentially fraudulent Firs Field land deal scam, unlawful traffic abuse and what appears to be a grossly bogus Council "Overdraft A/c".

As all these matters are likely to be included in other investigations leading to a Judicial Review in the near future, time only allows me to comment for the record of today's meeting as follows:-

1 The unlawful Firs Field land swap scam is totally opposed and if it proceeds it will be challenged in the Courts with an application for costs and damages against those involved.

The Trustees have no power of disposal to engage in such a potentially fraudulent abuse of power where there is also no comparison in the purpose, location, value or status of the two sites.

It is seen as deplorable that Councillors should even attempt to abuse the Charity property in this way or hold the people of Combe Down to ransom for protection of their land that has no connection whatsoever with the Rec Charity's land, which must forever be maintained as public Open Space.

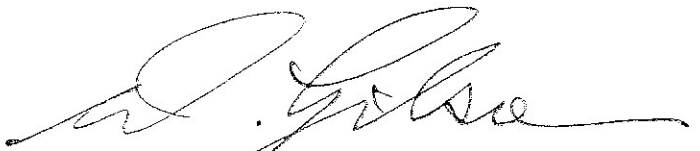
2 The inappropriate traffic order being put forward on totally flawed information is equally opposed. All traffic and parking on the Rec is unlawful. The whole area is a public Open Space where the Council has no right to restrict public access for the intended safe enjoyment by Bath

citizens. If it is implemented this will also feature in the Judicial Review now being progressed.

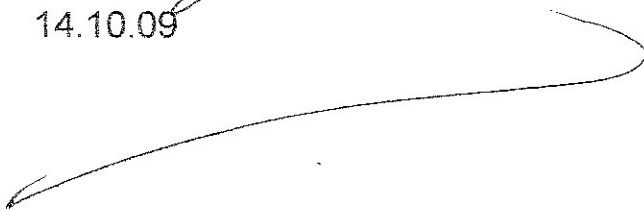
3 The so-called "Overdraft from the Council" (item 9 of today's agenda) is seen as largely bogus and in no way necessarily incurred in the best interest of the Charity. Request is hereby made for a full and detailed analysis of this account to accompany the minutes of today's meeting in order that it can be scrutinised as a necessary disclosure of information for the purposes of the forthcoming Judicial Review, together with a full historical account of what has happened to the accumulation of hundreds of thousands of pounds, if not millions of pounds, which should have been generated and reserved from parking in the South Car Parks over so many years ???

The state of the Rec shames you all and your deplorable conduct and breaches of trust benefits no-one and has caused immeasurable costs and misery for everyone whilst leaving Bath Rugby with an uncertain future.

We urge you once again as Councillors and as Trustee representatives to have the honour to resign so that more responsible trusteeship can return the Rec to its proper state and purpose and so that Bath Rugby can move forward on a more appropriate site before you incur more unnecessary costs and inflict even greater damage on all concerned, such as the necessity of a Judicial Review of these gross breaches of trust is bound to impose.

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