

**RECREATION GROUND TRUST BOARD MEETING
14th JULY 2010**

The following Statements and Questions had been registered by the time of publication.

REGISTERED SPEAKERS

There were 3 notices of intention to make a statement at the meeting.

- Worthy Gilson
- Keith McGarrigle
- Tony Hooper

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - PUBLIC

01

Question from:	Steve Osgood
<i>In the event Bath Rugby seek to terminate their present lease in 2015, do Trustees have a financial strategy for maintaining the property and the objectives of the Charity?</i> Five years is not far ahead!	
Answer from:	Councillor Chris Watt
Bath Rugby Club have given no indication that they have any intention of unilaterally waiving their rights under the existing lease which has 60 years unexpired term remaining. Like most organisations the Trust has considered various contingency plans should circumstances change and the Trustees are satisfied that they will be able to continue fulfil the objectives of the Charity	
The Chair, at his prerogative, agreed to accept a supplementary question from Steve Osgood:	
Supplementary Question from:	Steve Osgood
The Trust's Independent Advisor has referred to the possibility that the trust might be removed from the Register of Charities. When will this be?	
Answer from:	Councillor Chris Watt
There is no such proposal. We are fully complying with all of the notifications of the Charity Commission and intent to continue in this way.	

02

Question from:	Ian Barclay
<p>In April 2009, the Council announced that in principle it had agreed to transfer Firs Field Combe Down to the Recreation Ground Trust.</p> <p>Has the Trust progressed this proposal, has the Trust discussed the proposal with the Charity Commission and if so what was the Commission's response, and what is the current position of the proposal given the reported uncertainty over the future of Bath Rugby at the Rec.?</p>	
Answer from:	Councillor Chris Watt
<p>The Trust is considering a number of options and is in discussion with the Charity Commission about how best to resolve the current abuse of Trust property caused by the presence of the Rugby Club on the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>The concept of a land exchange has been considered by the Trustees, discussed with the Charity Commission and is being considered by them. This may or may not involve Firs Field. If terms could be agreed that would be acceptable to the Trust, this will be a matter for the Council to resolve as they own the land.</p>	