

Statement by Mr Keith McGarrigle to the Trustees , Bath  
Recreation Ground Trust Meeting , 16<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at the  
Guildhall , Bath , at 5.00pm.

Mr Chairman , yet again we are in a meeting with The Trustees  
which has been arranged at short notice with no information being  
made available in order that citizens can respond in an appropriate  
manner .

There is a complete absence of detail as to what is being proposed.

For whose benefit is yet another consultation being proposed ?

Who will be footing the bill for this consultation in these austere  
times ? especially in the light of expected government cuts to local  
authorities in the next financial year . If this consultation goes  
forward can we look forward to unbiased results monitored by  
independent parties ?

The lack of information is entirely unsatisfactory and is clearly  
designed to disadvantage beneficiaries and prevent them from  
having any input into what will surely be yet another waste of  
public money.

This meeting should be abandoned pending the production and  
open publication of a fully comprehensive written report and  
statement of intent by the Trustees , there should be full  
transparency as to :

- 1 who will conduct this latest consultation farce?
- 2 In what form will it be presented and promoted ?
- 3 What will be the cost ?
- 4 For whose benefit is this “consultation ” being conducted, in the  
light of the charade of the last Strategic Review and prior to that  
the clarification in the High Court in 2002 , of the Recreation  
Ground’s proper use as a **Public Open Space** , which judgment  
was handed down at enormous cost to council taxpayers and since  
which nothing has changed in regard to recognising the status of  
the Rec as a Public Open Space , The village green in the heart of  
Bath .

5 Less than 24 hours ago The Friends Of the Bath Recreation Ground received correspondence from Mr Glen Chip<sup>ph</sup>, Strategic Director for Service Delivery at Bath & N E Somerset Council . This letter was in response to a number of questions , raised by our Chairman , Mr Gilson . Mr Chip<sup>ph</sup> has indicated in his letter that the purpose of this consultation is about a proposed scheme to address both existing abuses of Trust Assets . Mr Chairman please inform this meeting today as to the exact nature of these abuses of Charity Assets .As the Trustees it is your duty to uphold the covenant and contract on the Recreation Ground which should safeguard it for future generations against further domination of the open space by any one organisation or sport.