

Bath and North East Somerset Council – Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee

Cottage No 2, Alice Park – Charities Commission Ruling

Recently, the Charities Commission, following a complaint, ruled that the sale of Cottage No. 2 Alice Park by Bath and North East Somerset Council was unlawful. As a result of further complaint, the Commission further ruled that following representations by the Council they proposed no further action.

For a long time, there has been concern in the community that the park has been deprived of a valuable asset. A Freedom of Information request for the details that led to that decision between the Commission and the Council was refused “as not being in the public interest”.

As it is the Charitable Trust that is most affected by this, the Trust need to know if only on a confidential basis the details of any decision made so that the Trust (which is in Law independent of the Council) can satisfy itself as to whether it has benefitted or conversely adversely affected by this.

The beneficiaries of the park are entitled to be assured that the Trust is acting in their interest and is not acting as or as agents of the council.

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