

Bob Goodman statement

It was barely 2 weeks ago that I spoke at Cabinet exposing the deception that this council was cutting the entire budget for Remembrance Sunday and making yes making the residents of Bath pay for it instead of BANES. The Chronicle needs to expose this to its readers and not just regurgitate the press releases from the Leaders office saying everything will stay the same.

How amazing it was when the Leader of the Council in replying to my question to him said he would still want an invitation to the Remembrance Sunday if he was still the leader of the Council, let's hope for the City he won't be.. but if this not hypocrisy of the highest order I don't know what is.

He tried to defend the decision to cut the money from BANES budget because all the other Parishes pay for it themselves... how little does he know.

He failed to acknowledge that Bath produces the majority of the income for BANES. BUT worse that that he clearly does not appreciate that BANES pays for one Area Forum for Bath and yet including the Parish liaison meeting there are Six meetings that are funded by BANES which accounts to well beyond the budget for Remembrance Sunday for Bath. HOW FAIR IS THAT.

Residents of Bath this is the thin end of the wedge and a defining moment in the history of the City. What next.. well the cutting of the Gull budget is not getting the traction that it deserves. Perhaps if this Council dealt with waste better then the growth of the Gull population would have been reduced, where will the Gull population be in a few years if action is not taken?

Lib Dem propaganda leaflets suggest that millions have been spent on Parks- can we have a commitment not to reduce the Parks budget for Bath in the years to come.. but will anyone believe the Empty promises we have had from this Administration especially in the last 2 years.

I was particularly disappointed to listen to a speech by a Lib Dem Cllr immediately following my speech to Cabinet. He had been fed information about how wonderful the Commercial Estate was doing, to say it was economic with the truth was an understatement.

It doesn't take much to see for oneself the destruction of the City Centre and yes some shops are filling empty spaces but more are closing and as long as the Commercial Estate is being run as it is with NO direction then it has little chance of recovery. I say that not for any Political reason but from a desire to see a thriving City which we can once again be proud of.

OPEN your eyes , stop the ridiculous Ring of Steel where due to incompetence the budget increase in costs are breathtaking, interest alone would pay for Remembrance Sunday.

We in the city don't need poorly thought out RPZ's and LTN's, we need to show love and attention to our streets to attract back shops and offices to boost the local economy.

It is sad beyond belief that I have to once again come to the council to express my concerns with the demise of the City. Before finishing, I do urge all Bath Cllrs to vote against this budget and reinstate the Money for Remembrance Day.