

Good afternoon councillor

I note that you are the councillor associated with the Farndon domain management committee

I am one of a number of people who meet for support in the park on Saturday mornings . the group started quite small and on a weekly basis more people have gathered to meet and get support for vaccine injured, job loss and mandate restrictions and general social interaction

Jill and her husband have become our unofficial administrators , we are not a formal organisation and are merely locals interacting with other locals there were no fees attached to attending until the koha box was set up to address the demand for funds by the committee

I became quite concerned when I heard that The committee had levied fees on the group for a meeting which I consider to be in a public place and at a time and date when it is open to and able to be used by the public.

Jill has paid well over \$200 to mr Ashcroft at 02-0700-0011544 -00 this is not an event this is the use of a public domain by the public for the public . I have sought an official information request and have not found any reason as to why fees are being levied on the public for the use of a public place

It may well be that Mr Ashcroft is mistaken as to the criteria for charging and I see this as a very reasonable thing to do if we were using the hall , we bring our own chairs and sit under the trees and this is very much a picnic .

if I am wrong and the information I sought was incomplete I hope that you can correct me with official documentation which supports the levying of fees on users of local parks for social gatherings

I hope that you can investigate this matter and either explain why the charges are justified or refund the money to Mrs Norman as the money collected to pay the board could be going to those who need support

Regards Grace Haden

Ann Redstone

Fri, Mar
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3:42
PM

to me

Hi Grace

I have forwarded your email on to the Parks Manager for his advice in regards to the outdoor gatherings. I'll get back to you when I receive a reply.

The use of the hall was discussed at a recent board meeting and the general consensus was that under the current vax status and rules it wasn't practical to lease it at this time. The concerns raised were about current rules, numbers attending, physical distancing etc.

Kind regards

Cr. Ann Redstone

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to Croft, ronmcg8700@gmail.com, Alwyn, Colin, Scott, me

Thank you for your reply Grace. I have cc'd in our council lawyer as he may be able to provide answers to your questions.

Just to reiterate though, Council staff/ Managers don't administer Farndon Park. It's separately run by the Farndon Park Domain Board and the board has the ability to make the rules.

I responded

o Croft, ronmcg8700, Alwyn, Colin, Scott, Ann

Thank you if they have the ability to make rules it needs to be done legally and communicated to the public having been on many committees myself I am aware that members can be over zealous and prone to misinterpretation so want to eliminate that from the equation.

If they have a legal basis there must be documentary evidence which if it exists is well hidden