

Alan Burgess

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To the Board of MFT

I am giving notice that, I am resigning my position as Trustee of the Macfarlane Trust, with immediate effect.

My reasons are, having just read the minutes of MFT Board meeting, I was struck with the blatant hypocrisy from Chair Roger Evans with item 724-14 chairman's report as follows:

It was unanimously agreed that Roger Evans would write to Alan Burgess on behalf of the board to wish him well because he had been unable to attend the recent Board meetings due to ill health. Trustees hope he will be able to attend the January 2015 meeting so he could be thanked for all he has done during his time as Trustee.

This meeting was October 27th 2014 on September 15th 2014 barely 6 weeks before the meeting I received an email from Roger Evans, containing the following quote:

"I think we have reached a point where it is doubtful whether your continuing as a Trustee, until the end of your period, of office is helpful or welcome. I doubt whether you or I can work productively together in the coming months given your latest correspondence"

The above quote was in response of myself in my role as a Trustee discussing how the trust was run; unfortunately my views did not coincide with those of the Chair

As I stated I find the hypocrisy quite frankly staggering and this is the final straw for me with this Chair whom I have had issues with his running of the MFT in the past. Consequently I have no confidence in either the Chair or the Chief Executive Jan Barlow to run the MFT in a fit and proper way to benefit beneficiaries and not the DOH.

The Macfarlane Trust in general may like to reflect on the result of the APPG survey, which shows a minority of beneficiaries were happy with the Trust.

I would just like to quote a passage from the survey,

"A great deal of Macfarlane Trust recipients were of the view that the organisation was getting worse. Its staff becoming more distant and it is becoming harder to access assistance"

With that fact in mind perhaps it would be a good idea for the Chair and CE to consider the ill feeling towards the Trust that initiated the survey in the first place.

After 6 years as a Trustee it saddens me to see the Macfarlane Trust in a worse state than when I joined.

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