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29 July 2005

Dear Sirs,

CITY COUNCIL (SPECIAL MEETING) 29 JULY 2005

I enclose for Members information a number of letters which the Mayor has received this week with regard to the Council's consideration of Talkin Tarn.

Yours faithfully


Head of Legal and Democratic Services

1101 Church Lane
Hethersgill,
Carlisle.

Cumbria

CA6 6BJ,

27-7-05

The Mayor,

With regard
to the future of the Tarn,
Brampton, I am a Local, and
a have been a resident in
Carlisle for the past 15 years,
and the Tarn has given me
a great deal of pleasure and
recreation, which we all need
in this cut throat society.
I therefore want to retain
its present state, with the
accent on, natural, and wildlife
aspects maintained, no matter
council, or county. I do my
best, being retired.

to work with the warden
and staff, to maintain its
natural aspects. We don't
want any more Theme Parks,
which will only destroy the
peace and quiet, of the area.
In particular I would like
to draw your attention, to
a Nature Reserve aspect.
In future development. Its
important to, Preserve the
Island, as a sanctuary for
the Birds and Ducks.
But as you will be aware,
the security of the Farm,
has to be maintained,
in particular, at night, when
the local criminals, operate.
So I strongly recommend,
it be left with the Local
County Council. as the City has
enough to maintain Portlisle.
E F Burnan

38 Pinecroft
Newfield Estate
Carlisle
CA3 0DB

26th July 2005

The Mayor
Carlisle City Council
Civic Centre
CARLISLE
CA3 8QG

Dear Madam Mayor

Re: Talkin Tarn Country Park

Having been regular visitors to the Talkin Tarn Country Park ever since we moved to the area 45 years ago and continue to enjoy walking in these beautiful natural surroundings several times each week, we are very concerned at the prospect that this excellent facility may be lost.

We are appalled and very distressed at recent reports in the local press that it may be sold to a private company and turned into an amusement park, which would be an absolute tragedy.

It is one of the few areas of natural British woodland available to the public within easy access from Carlisle and surrounding district.

We would urge you to do everything possible to ensure that the natural, unspoilt beauty of the tarn is retained so that both those who live locally and those who visit on holiday can continue to enjoy and take pleasure from this oasis of peace and quiet.

Yours faithfully



Mr and Mrs Rushton

**PLEASE DON'T LET THIS
BE SPOILT!**



The Mayor's Parlour
Civic Centre
CARLISLE
CA3 8QG

Eastmoor
Rockcliffe
CARLISLE
CA6 4BH

Wednesday 27th July 2005

Dear Mayor Fisher

Talkin Tarn

I am writing to express my family's support for retaining public ownership of this unique and beautiful local asset.

I would also like to point out, that this unique and beautiful local resource is of particular benefit and value to members of our community with a disability or mobility problems.

As a parent of a disabled child, I have experienced at first hand the major shortage of good recreational facilities in the Carlisle area, which cater for wheelchair users or individuals with limited mobility.

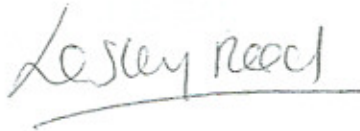
However, recent improvements to the paths and gates around the tarn, have led to this facility providing superb access and facilities, enabling all sectors of the community to use and enjoy the unique beauty of the Tarn.

As a local family, we enjoy visiting the tarn most weekends. Our eldest Son (Daniel) has cerebral palsy. As a consequence of this, Daniel has problems with walking. However, despite this Daniel enjoys riding his specially adapted three wheeled tricycle around the tarn. Further more, as busy working parents we also enjoy spending quality family time within this uniquely tranquil environment. We have tried using other public recreational facilities such as Hammonds Pond, and Bitts Park, However, the environment at both these locations is unsuitable and intimidating for families, due to the large groups of abusive and badly behaved teenagers that frequent these areas.

It is vital that this popular, well used, and much valued unique amenity is retained in public ownership. This is the only way to ensure that is protected from private development, and continues to be accessed and enjoyed by the local community.

I implore you and your fellow councilors to retain public ownership of this uniquely valuable asset, for the enjoyment and benefit of the whole community, and future generations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lesley Reed". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Lesley Reed

The Mayor,
Carlisle City Council,
The Civic Centre,
Carlisle, Cumbria,

27th July, 2005.

Dear Sir,

Re: Talkin Tarn

I am disappointed to learn that Talkin Tarn is once more up for grabs as I thought the matter of its future had been decided months ago.

The fact that it is now being considered for an amusement park beggars belief. How can anyone with any esthetic sensibility consider converting such a gem into a noisy, unpleasant showground? I can only conjecture that someone, somewhere, is going to benefit enormously from such an outrageous proposition.

Talkin Tarn is a lovely little lake set in a pretty rural location where thousands of people go each year to enjoy a leisurely walk around its perimeter, or to bird-watch or to enjoy a boating experience or just simply to escape from the hurly-burly of city life. To allow it to be developed as a theme park would be like destroying a priceless painting in order to use the canvas for graffiti. Please, Mr. Mayor, don't allow this to happen. Let the Tarn remain as it is for the benefit of the general public.

Thank you for your favourable consideration.

Yours truly,



Margaret M. Scott
25 Croft Park,
Wetheral, Carlisle,
Cumbria.

Willows.

Milton Mains

Milton

Brampton CA8 1J

Dear Sers,

Re Talkin Tarn

I walk around Talkin Tarn on most days, at all times of day but mainly early morning.

It seems to me that there is something there for everyone at all times of the year. One can walk around on flat paths or take a tougher walk through the woods. Walkers, and there are many, keep the paths clear and children large & small can romp in safety through the woods, have an ice cream or a drink or a picnic.

Talk of having a smart car park, a visitor centre or selling to a commercial enterprise fell me with dread. It is a semi wild place and in my opinion ought to be kept as such.

I don't know what can be done about the blue green algae which spoils paddling fun for children (& dogs) & realise that the cure may be costly, but really nothing more needs to be done. All the people to whom I speak who are also regular visitors feel exactly the same as I do.

The week-end before last there was a fishing weekend, lots of fishers were there from very early morning on both days. On the Monday morning there was not a scrap of litter. People love the place & by & large look after it. It would help of course if there were bigger & more frequently placed bins.

Please, please don't try to make it into a theme park.

Yours sincerely,

Lillian Nixon

P.S. The notice of the meeting 29 July was not put out till 27th July, so no weekend visitors could see it!

82, STANLEY ROAD,
BRAMPTON

CUMBRIA

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28.7.05

THE MAYOR.

CARLISLE CIVIC CENTRE

CARLISLE

Dear Madam Mayor,
I have been a member of Tulkia Tarn Rowing Club since the end of World War II and spent many hours there as oarsman, umpire, coach and club official and spent most days with a walk around it accompanied by my wife.

We support the City Council in its quest to run the Tarn and would be most unhappy if it was acquired by a private concern and commercialised.

Yours sincerely
J. N. Harrison

26-7-06

56 Dacre Road
Brampton
Cumbria
CA8 1BH.

Dear Mayor

Talking should be
left as it is not to be made
in to a amusement PARK.

But could have new huts for
Nature for children to do
thing, ~~Play area~~

Toilet,

Tea Room needs Painting

~~The~~ I am a walker every day

Summer & winter, we have
lot of wild flower's this Summer
it has been very nice

From

P Brown.

23 Greencroft

Brampton

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26.7.05

The Mayor

Calverley City Co.

Calverley

Dear Madam.

re: Talking Tarn.

We view, with great concern, the present situation with regards to the Tarn, which has been a haven of peace and tranquility for many years. We use the Tarn regularly and understood that the problem concerning its future had been resolved. The thousands of people who use the Tarn throughout the year do not wish it turned into yet another amusement park. We must preserve this gem in our country for the generations to come.

Yours sincerely

David and Maureen Garvill

HARTON LEA
3 OULTON TERRACE
GELT ROAD
BRAMPTON
CUMBRIA
CA8 1QE

24 July 2005

The Mayor
Civic Centre
Rickergate
Carlisle

Your Worship,

Re: Talkin Tarn

To our dismay, we have learned over the weekend of the possibility that Talkin Tarn may be sold to a private company for development.

We are writing to you to express our unequivocal opposition to this idea.

Talkin Tarn is a community asset that should be retained in its current form by the city council for the people. A civic amenity if you will, but one that provides much pleasure and tranquillity for all those who visit, be they local or those outside the Carlisle area.

We trust that you will do everything within your power to see that Talkin Tarn remains out of the hands of avaricious private developers who, in all probability, will completely ruin this area of natural beauty with something totally out of keeping with the countryside.

Yours sincerely



Margaret Drury (Mrs)



David R Drury

Clematis Cottage
Gelt Road
Brampton.

26/7/05.

Her Worship The Mayor.

Dear Madam,

Please don't let Tarkin Turn fall
into private hands. It is a wonderful
amenity enjoyed by locals and visitors
alike and a great favourite School field
trip for Carlisle pupils and many schools.

Please vote on Friday for it
to be taken into the care of
Carlisle City Council.

Yours faithfully

B.A. Cole (Mrs)

Mr & Mrs E. D. Brown,
21 Hurley Road,
Little Corby,
Carlisle.
CA4 8QY
Tel 01228 560168

27th July 2005.

Dear Sandra Fisher,

I am forced to make my objections to the prospect of Talkin Tarn becoming a THEME PARK this is the most outrageous bit of information that has been brought to my attention recently.

We regularly use this garden of tranquillity as part of our daily "Oldied exercise route", and contribute to the economy of Brampton while in the vicinity.

We meet people from all parts of the country, they marvel at the unspoilt appearance of the tarn, but we have seen a lot of changes in thirty years, but still it retains it overall wildness.

I also must point out that Carlisle residents can still enjoy Bitts Park and also Hammonds Pond which recently underwent a facelift, we pay Poll Tax to both Hayton and Carlisle Councils, we get very little for our money out in the sticks, so please donate a little to our Garden of Eden.

*Yours truly,
Mr E D Brown.*

41 Cairn Wood,
Heads Nook,
Brampton
Cumbria CA8 9AH
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Dear Mayor

We urge you to put forward that
Carlisle City Council maintain Talkin Tarn for the
County Council as had already been decided.
There are not many places that people
can go for a quiet walk and in peaceful
surroundings. Also Talkin Tarn is suitable for
all ages plus wheelchairs.

We certainly do not want an amusement park

Yours Sincerely

Mr & Mrs T. Anderson.

MRS. J. CLARE SALKELD
Fern Bank Cottage
Heads Nook, Brampton
Cumbria CA8 9AD

27/7/05

Dear Mayor

In response to the
notices round Talkin
Tarn: -

- 1) Do not waste money
"pushing it up." The
regular dog walkers are
happy with it as it is.
- 2) Please try & keep it
algae free - lots of
dogs love swimming.
- 3) We do not want an
amusement park.
I hope you receive lots
of "ditto" letters from the
other regulars. JCSalkeld

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26.7.2005.

To The Mayor of Carlisle

Civic Centre

Carlisle CA3 8QG

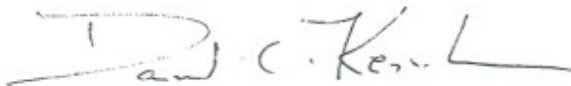
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I write to you regarding the future of Talkin Tarn. It was with horror I read of the possibility of it turning into an Amusement Park. Heaven forbid!

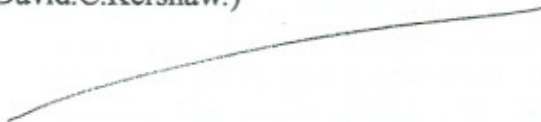
The attractions of Talkin Tarn have always been both its location and its utter peace and tranquility. It is one gem in the Brampton area of the enlarged city since 1974 and not to heed the wishes of local residents is both ill advised and wrong.

I understand yet another meeting takes place later this week on the Tarn's possible future. All I can say is that both my wife and I, our four grown up children and a great majority of residents in the area urge the District Council to take it over, treat it with tender loving care, and hopefully it will exist for future generations.

Yours sincerely



(David.C.Kershaw.)



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26 July 2005

The Mayor,
Civic Centre,
Carlisle.

Dear Sandra Fisher,

We wish to add our protests to the many you will have received regarding the report in the Cumberland News, Friday 22nd July, that Cllr. Ray Bloxham is concerned that Talkin Tarn will be privatised.

PLEASE, PLEASE, citizens of Carlisle and Cumbria, do not let this happen!

We cannot understand why Carlisle Council's Community Scrutiny Committee decided to "call in" the decision for a rethink. We walked around the Tarn on Sunday, enjoying the unspoilt beauty and the sight of the yachts on the water. We cannot understand why it is said £1 million needs to be spend on repairs and refurbishment. Paths were widened to allow disability access, new gates fitted and the tearoom upgraded only a year or so ago. We used the public toilets and they do need upgrading. Talkin Tarn does not need to be "tarted up" out of all recognition. Fields that used to run down to the water have been fenced off. We picnicked in the field next to the Tarn End Hotel in 1969 and our children used to sledge down the hill in the winter.

To allow a private firm to turn this unique, publicly owned, beauty spot into an amusement park would be sacrilege. Furthermore we are under the impression that it was gifted to the people of Cumbria in perpetuity by the previous land-owner. Cllr. Ken Rutherford is wrong to say the public would criticise them if they spent money on Talkin Tarn. On the contrary, Cumbrians would breathe a sigh of relief that the Tarn has been saved from predators. There are many greedy developers eyeing Cumbria as it is one of the last relatively unexploited parts of the country. if Talkin Tarn is privatised we are sure there will be far fewer Labour Councillors after the next round of Local Elections.

Yours etc.,

P.A. Duncan

J. Duncan

Mr & Mrs. J. Duncan