

Freedom of Information request received 30.12.15 – Follow up

Thank you very much for this. I do assure you that I am pursuing this not out of a desire to be annoying or to try to embarrass SPC over its procedures but because if the “grants” were not properly made to SAYS Charity then their return can be requested. If then used to pay for youth services there is a 20% VAT saving of up to something like £6,000.

Accordingly I do wish to pursue this further please.

WSCC Payment

WSCC has denied making any payment to SAYS. Odd, I know, and further enquiries are under way but it seems that the money may have gone from WSCC to another organisation, then through an individual’s personal bank account before finally ending up with SAYS Charity.

My FoI request of SPC was quite widely drawn and goes beyond the mere payment process to include all documents relating to the circumstances in which the grant came to be paid to SAYS Charity. Are you saying that, despite Cllr Barling’s close involvement along with the former clerk’s there are absolutely no file notes, emails or any other documentation held by SPC which provides evidence of what was happening over all this?

HDC Payment

Unfortunately the March 2013 minutes were taken down from the website some while ago so please may I have a copy of these minutes and of the I and E document? I don’t really understand though, why the relevant payment would be shown in the March 2013 I and E when the invoice was not sent until 9 August 2013. Maybe you could kindly explain.

This invoice refers to a letter of 25 February 2013 which falls within the terms of my request so please could this be provided as well?

As I say, my request is quite widely drawn and so again can I ask you either to send further documentation or to confirm that SPC holds no other file notes, emails or other documentation regarding the funds finding their way to SAYS Charity via SPC’s bank account.

As SPC is a corporate body and the Clerk has no power to act unless authorised by the full council or under a specific delegated authority, then on the basis of the documentation provided so far it is looking as though the payment to SAYS Charity was improper. I say this not to criticise the former clerk but because this suggests that SAYS Charity may need to refund the payment which would be a good thing for everyone, I believe.