

TONY WOODS FROM BUSBY
REPORT OF HIS DEATH
14 January 2010

(anyone wishing a PDF copy e-mail: johnawalker@live.com)

I am not someone who is interested in politics, but I am interested in the community, and its well-being, and therefore that is why I have copied all the e-mail petitions as regards the Eviction Order against Tony Woods of Busby, and submitted them to you, so that you can make your mind up about this case.

When someone becomes alienated from society, or falls on hard times they are reliant on elected members within the community to help them. In this case the elected members are: MSP Ken Macintosh and councillor Alan Lafferty of Busby. The elected members are responsible to the people of Busby.

In both cases, as you will see from the correspondence, the two men did not help Tony Woods. The two men both agreed with the court order served on Tony for rent arrears. They never at any time indicated to the Housing Office Department that they were unhappy with this happening to Tony Woods from Busby: an unemployed man, who was born in Busby, who had been thrown out of his house, and who now had to sleep rough and beg for food due to rent arrears. In fact, as you will see from the correspondence, it has only come to light recently that it was rent arrears. All along Councillor Lafferty, and MSP Macintosh, would not tell me what the position was. I could not appeal to the correct area of East Renfrewshire; I was only able to appeal on behalf of Tony to them, in the hope they would help him. In any case they are the elected members, but as you will read from the e-mails they would not release the vital information to me that could have helped him, and moreover they never petitioned the Housing Officer for an end to the Eviction Order on behalf of Tony, and as far as I can see they never spoke to him at all.

The Social Work Department in Clarkston when I went into their office just after the Eviction Order had been served in June 09, had never heard of Tony Woods; they had not been informed by either MSP Ken Macintosh, or councillor Mr Lafferty, at the time when Tony was evicted. They picked him up after he had nearly died and was in hospital months later, and they put him in a care home.

As you will see from the e-mail sent to me last week from the **Iain MacLean Eastrenfrewshire** council, although he doesn't see a role for elected members as regards this sort of thing, he admits in his e-mail that both Mr Lafferty and Mr Mackintosh never contacted him about this tragic case with a view to getting the Eviction Order lifted, and Tony safely back in his home.

The salient point here to remember is that it is due to the fact that the Eviction Order was served on Tony he spent months without a roof over his head and died in a care home.

MSP Ken Macintosh was asked time and time again to appeal for Tony to the relevant authority, but as you will read he had no interest in helping Tony get back into his house. Councillor Alan Lafferty was of the same mind; he would not communicate with the local community about this case, or petition the Housing Department with a view to ending the Eviction Order.

Tony Woods, 'Wee Tony' as everyone knew him, grew up opposite me in Busby and when we were boys we played together. Tony I remember when I shot him with my Tommy Gun would not only fall down, but he would lie on the road and stop the traffic. He was all through his life a decent lad, good-natured, and those who grew up with him knew him as such. He also did the papers for dad, and I can say that he was a likable lad to anyone who came in touch with him. Rightly so people will forever associate 'Wee Tony' as a Busby Boy.

Lest we forget the facts: Tony Woods was born in Busby, evicted from his home, spent months living without a roof over his head, and who in his time of need was neglected by the elected members of the community.

He did not die in vain. He is at peace now, where he cannot be evicted.

HE WAS A GOOD LAD.

John A.Walker
From Busby

e-mail letter sent to Councilior Lafferty and MSP MacIntosh

Eviction: Tony Woods

Saturday, 20 June, 2009 2:50 PM

Eviction: Tony Woods

Dear Mr Lafferty,

I was representing Greenbank Church this morning in the cycle event for the homeless organised by: <http://www.lhmglasgow.org.uk/>

When I got back to Busby I went into buy a pint of milk and a loaf of bread. As I was unlocking the chain on my bike Tony Woods, approach me and he told me that he had been evicted from his house in Busby, and was now having to live in a tent.

He cited that Sheriffs officers had evicted him for not paying taxes. He blamed the departmental areas within the social security for not sending the proper amount of money to the correct department and thus an amount had built up.

Whatever the reasons I would ask you not to have an aggressive policy of evicting people in Busby, and try and work from within the area with social workers, and other organisation to help the person in need who is in debt.

Please remember that taxation is imposed upon the individual: he or she falls in to debt either through lack of money, or by social security lapses in payments, or wrong information. Given time this can be sorted out.

In defence of Tony I would say that he is not bad lad. I have known him since he was 3 or 4 years old, and please remember that job opportunities are not easy to find due to large corporate companies streamlining their businesses as they dominate the market place.

I have would have copied in St Joseph's Parish Church, Clarkston, for Tony was Christened there, but they don't seem to have an e-mail. However, you may wish to call on them to solve the problem, along with the MSP, and local social work departments.

I urge you to re house Tony right away in the Busby area: his preferred choice as regards where he wishes to stay.

Yours sincerely

John A.Walker

e-mail recived: from MSP ManIntosh

RE: Eviction: Tony Woods

Sunday, 21 June, 2009 11:54 AM

Thanks for your e-mail Mr Walker - I am sorry to hear of what has happened to Mr Woods. Can you ask him to contact social services as soon as possible (phone through the general switchboard number on 0141 577 3000). He can access emergency homeless accommodation at once and will be offered something more permanent in due course.

Thank you for your e-mail

Ken Macintosh

E-mail from councillor Laffter

RE: Eviction: Tony Woods

Monday, 22 June, 2009 11:16 A

Mr Walker,

Thank you for your message and your compassionate concern for Mr Woods.

Eviction is very much a last resort and both the Council's Housing and Finance Services liaise together and with the Community Health & Care Partnership, who deliver Social Work Services and also with the State Benefits agencies to ensure that the individual's rights and all necessary supports are being delivered to help them maintain their home in the community.

This process requires at least some commitment and co-operation from the individual. I believe that any case that results in actual eviction, and there are very few in East Renfrewshire, has a record of many years involvement by the agencies involved in attempting to assist the tenant.

The Council will assist any homeless resident in East Renfrewshire to find accommodation but it can be extremely difficult to guarantee rehousing in their area of choice, particularly if their choice is a high demand area with a low turnover of suitable homes and stock reduction arising from tenant's exercising their right to buy.

Regards,

Cllr Alan Lafferty

Monday, 22 June, 2009 1:49 PM

Dear Mr Lafferty,

There is nothing in your e-mail as regards the case of Mr Woods; you reply deals with generalities as regards eviction within East Renfrewshire.

What I am saying to you is this: you as councillor should not be using the law to evict people who have fallen into debt through taxation. You should be working with the agencies and the community, to see that all possible routes are exhausted before you get to that stage.

Please confirm that you have enquired about the case of Mr Woods and what your findings are.

Yours sincerely

Mr Walker

Reply from the councillor
Tuesday, 23 June, 2009 8:03 AM

Mr Walker,
Thank you for your e-mail and I have noted its contents
Yours sincerely,
Cllr Alan Lafferty

From MSP mackintosh Thursday, 25 June, 2009 1:09 PM

Thank you for your further e-mails Mr Walker and as Councillor Lafferty has said, as elected members we are always here to help constituents such as Mr Woods or anyone else who needs our assistance. Thank you too for your own concern on behalf of Mr Woods.
Ken Macintosh

RE: Eviction: Tony Woods

Thursday, 9 July, 2009 1:31 PM

Dear Mr Lafferty,
Can you please clarify the situation: Is Mr Woods still evicted?
And could you please make a response as to how you would like to see things progressing as regards this case.
Is it indeed taxation the problem? or are there other issues involved here that need special attention from the community.
Are you willing to solve them?
Please look upon me as a neighbour willing to help.
Yours sincerely
JohnA.Walker

RE: Eviction: Tony Woods

Thursday, 9 July, 2009 3:21 PM

Mr Walker,

Any queries concerning Mr Woods's situation must be directed to him. I cannot discuss his business with a third party.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Alan Lafferty

Busby, Clarkston & Eaglesham Ward

East Renfrewshire Council

e-mail letter to Lodging House mission CC: MSP and councilior

enquiries

Friday, 10 July, 2009 10:01 AM

e-mail letter to Lodging House Mission Glasgow

Dear Anne,

Good to speak with you on the phone this morning.

As you will see from the correspondence below I am keen to get Mr Woods rehoused.

The councillor, Mr Lafferty, has not so far engaged with the community on this issue, and it may well be that he will only interact with official agencies like yourselves over at Lodging House Mission as regards resolving this case.

I will certainly tell Tony Woods about your agency and will give him your name and address.

Best Wishes

John A.Walker

e-mail to MSP

Tuesday, 14 July, 2009 12:47 PM

Dear Mr MacIntosh,

Is there any word on Tony Woods?

Is his case being looked after by Eastrenfrewshire?

You will be aware that he has been cast out of his home by the council on an eviction order and that the councillor is not willing to speak with me on this matter, and therefore I have alerted the Lodging House Mission as a go between so that things can get moving as regards helping him.

You have a part to play to to.

Yours sincerely

John A.Walker

MSP replies:

Tuesday, 14 July, 2009 11:23 PM

I am sorry Mr Walker but he hasn't come to see me yet?

Ken

Wednesday, 15 July, 2009 11:13 AM

Dear Mr Macintosh,

I know he hasn't: for I have not come across him since the last time to I tried to bring him to your office.

Mr Lafferty was asked if I should take him to you, so that he can give your office a statement that would include his thoughts and intentions on the matter of eviction.

It is plain to see that he has been cast out of his home, and is need of professional people to help him. He is naturally wary of people.

Help from the community should start of course with the councillor letting him know the position as regards his house.

Your part is to make sure that the council, and councillor, are not casting people out of their homes onto the streets if it is solely about taxation. You on behalf of the community should be satisfied that all the agencies are in place if it is a fiscal matter, and if money can be taken off the individual's dole money to satisfy the councillor then this should be the route to take.

If there are other reasons, then your office should be made aware of them.

I look forward to working with you on this case.

Yours sincerely

John A.Walker

Thursday, 16 July, 2009 11:19 AM

Dear Mr Walker,

I am afraid I am not able to share information with others on individual cases (and Councillor Lafferty will be in a similar situation) but what I can at least tell you is that I have spoken to Councillor Lafferty about this matter.

Ken

Date: Friday, 17 July, 2009, 11:31 AM

Dear Mr Lafferty,

Due to the serious nature of the case that is the reason why I have introduced you to the Lodging House mission; I will also bring in Shelter in needs be.

Can you please release the name of the Social Worker involved in this case. The community are entitled to petition him, or her, on the matter so that we can live in harmony within the community and help those who have been evicted by your office with the consent of the MSP.

Yours sincerely

John A.Walker
Sunday, 26 July, 2009 6:25 PM

Dear Mr. Macintosh,

I am asking you not support the councilor's decision to evict Tony Woods, but to ask him to end the eviction order so that he can get access to his house, and from that point he can get help from the local services. I have also alerted the local social work in Clarkston, who tell me that up to this point have not been notified by the councilor or your office.

Some people in the area feel it is at a grave stage now, and unless you act soon it could be too late.

I am coming to see you.

Yours sincerely
John A.Walker

Monday, 27 July, 2009 1:44 PM

Dear Mr Macintosh,

This is to certify that I met with Michael McNamara, Clarkston Social Work, this morning, and alerted him, and his office, as regards Tony Woods of Busby.

I introduced myself as a friend of Tony's (see photo attached).

I also spoke this morning with your secretary at your office (see e-mail sent Sunday) and updated your office again on the situation.

Due to the fact that Mr Woods has not been contacted by the Social Work Department I have again proposed that the ending of the eviction order is the only way to help him: this would get him back into his house, and from that point the council can then, with the help of social work, organise any back payment regarding debt to be put in place to satisfy the relevant council office. And that any recommendation - after an assessment has taken place in his home - can be put in place to the benefit of Mr Woods to bring him back into society.

Yours sincerely
John A.Walker

Tuesday, 28 July, 2009 3:53

Thank you for your e-mail Mr Walker and for your obvious and ongoing concern over Mr Woods. I will pass on your suggestion to the local authority but there may be other and more constructive ways of helping your friend.

As I believe my researcher may have advised you, the best course of action would undoubtedly be for Mr Woods to contact the social services department directly himself. If he is homeless then he should inform the authority of this fact and they will be able to help him.

I hope that is of some assistance to you and to Mr Woods.

Ken Macintosh

e-mail letter to MSP and councillor

Wednesday, 29 July, 2009 10:16 AM

Dear Mr Mackintosh,

Your advisor is a nice young man, but I am afraid he knows very little about how to deal with people who are vulnerable. Your advisor should have told you that Tony Woods, in my opinion, is not confident as regards the people he should approach in the council, or he would have approached them by this time. This is natural: for he has been thrown out of his house by them.

It would be remarkable if Tony was not in a trauma after this happening to him: wondering why he had been marginalized by society, and in the opinion of the local council not worth taking part in the local community anymore. He will not understand that someone in the council has put forward a case against him living in his house, because they are unhappy at incurred dept. The country is in dept. so why should individuals be thrown out of his house for this? One thinks of some councillors who invested taxpayers money in unsafe foreign banks.

The advisor should have told you that people who are sleeping out rough in fields for over a month, due to council action, are not structured in the same way as you and I. We get up in the morning have our breakfast, and if there is a problem we pick up the phone, or e-mail someone, to try and solve the problem.

Again I urge you if this is only about taxation you should not be silent when the council is evicting tenants from their safe and secure homes, and pushing them to the ground. You should not be working with them on this. You should urge councillor Alan Lafferty to immediately lift the eviction order and allow Tony Woods back into his home, and ask Mr Lafferty to stop targeting vulnerable people who have incurred debt or who have other social issues.

The council, and you the MSP, should be working along side the community, and social services, to help Tony who has, in no fault of his own been marginalized by society: no job, and few friends, and has found himself in difficulty.

Your advisor should have told you that people who are sleeping rough are usually stinking and are self conscious about this. Tony, to his credit, when I suggested he should come with me and see you, the elected representative, said that he would need to get a shower first. However, there is no shower near him in the field near where he is now living.

Can I ask you, and Alan Lafferty, to think about why you got in to politics. Did you not want to help the vulnerable who are always unrepresented when they get into problems. Why are you and the councillor now going out of your way to use the law to prosecute them?

Now that you have been fully updated, I would like to ask you, not to ask me again: What, is Tony Woods doing to help himself? However, I would like you to ask you, and Alan Lafferty, what are you doing to help Tony Woods now that he has been thrown of his house, and has been living in fields for over a month now.

I will not be silent and stand by when elected members are targeting the vulnerable in society in this way, nor should anyone else who reads this. You are known by your actions.

I hope for an end to the dispute.

Yours sincerely

John A.Walker

Wednesday, 29 July, 2009 7:20 PM

RE: Stop Evicting the Vulnerable

Dear Ken,

Thanks for noting my petition to you - not comments - I shall be in touch as regards trying to bring an end to the dispute. We have other outstanding issue with you too, but none as serious as evicting vulnerable people.

You will start to understand the problem I have dealing with you: for if you were serious about what you say about care agencies being the solution to the problem the obvious question is why did you, and the councillor, not involve them at the outset.

What you have done is evict someone, and then left the care agencies to deal with the problem - that is irresponsible.

We hope for an end to the dispute

Yours sincerely

John A.Walker

Date: Wednesday, 29 July, 2009, 2:16 PM
CC Alan.Lafferty

Dear Mr Walker,
Your comments have been noted
Yours sincerely,
Ken Macintosh

Subject: RE: Stop Evicting the Vulnerable
To MSP Macintosh

Dear Sir,

The problem I am having with you, and Mr Lafferty, is that you are not prepared to help in anyway. You, I find are very strange: for you do not even try and help, but start from a position of how do I get out of this, and then end up saying Oh, the problem belongs to someone else: Shelter of another agency for the homeless. info@shelter.org.uk

Due to the serious nature I have enclosed a copy of the letter that will be handed to my lawyer, a copy will also be sent to the Chief Constable at Giffnock. And I will be back at you and Mr Lafferty asking to end this non cooperation with the community and agree to help the vulnerable in Busby.

Yours sincerely
John A.Walker

Letter to Grant & Wylie, solicitors: Evicting vulnerable people in my local area

Dear Sandy

I would like you to record with you that I am worried about my friend Tony Woods who was evicted by councillor Lafferty from Busby. My friend said it was due to non payment of council tax between different social security departments.

The councillor and the MSP thus far will not engage on the matter, but see the problem as someone else's like Shelter. A copy of this e-mail is having to be sent to them too. info@shelter.org.uk

I have petitioned the councillor to help my friend get back into his house, so that from that point he can get help from there, but more than a month has passed and he is still living in fields and barns.

I alerted the MSP Ken Mackintosh, but I have to admit I find him a most strange person indeed. And although I have kept him up-to-date with events I get the feeling he is watching a film and like the process of watching a film it becomes unbelievable and not part of the world around you: I have got nothing from him as regards my friend getting help.

A copy of this letter will be sent to the Chief Constable at Giffnock, police station: for he should be made aware that people are being evicted and that even though they have committed no criminal offence and are not dangerous they are now having to roam here and there adrift from society in his area.

A final mention should be made of the Mr. McNamara local social work department at Clarkston. Mr. McNamara, tells me he Like the MSP does not venture from his office to help displaced people, so nothing will come of it via his office.

Yours sincerely
John A. Walker

From:Ken.MacIntosh.msp
Date: Wednesday, 29 July, 2009, 10:55 AM

Dear Mr Walker,

Thank you once more for your comments. Your concern for Mr Woods does you credit but not so your rather less charitable remarks about myself and Councillor Lafferty.

I appreciate it is not easy to help someone in Mr Woods situation and that his relationship with the local council and with authority generally might be a difficult one. You have made your point about what you believe the local authority can do and that has been passed to Council officials for their consideration. However, there are many different ways in which Mr Woods can be given a helping hand in his time of need. Can I suggest you approach one of the many voluntary groups working with rough sleepers and ask for their advice. Their experience in dealing with situations like this might I think prove invaluable.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Macintosh

From:Ken.MacIntosh.msp
Date: Tuesday, 28 July, 2009, 4:39 PM

thank you Mr Walker - I've written to the local authority anyway but it will be difficult for anyone to help Mr Woods if he is not willing.
Ken

To: Macintosh K (Ken), MSP
CC Alan.Lafferty
Subject: RE: certify

Dear Ken,

Your advisor in my view did not see the situation correctly: for Tony has not come forward to present himself to the great and the good in authority.

He (your advisor) will explain to you the reason why.

Yours truly
Mr Walker

From: Ken.MacIntosh.msp
Cc: Alan.Lafferty
Date: Tuesday, 28 July, 2009, 3:53 PM

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Ken Macintosh

-----Original Message-----

From: JOHN WALKER
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2009 1:45 PM
To: Macintosh K (Ken), MSP
Cc: A (Cllr)Lafferty
Subject: certify

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Ken Macintosh

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Ken Macintosh

From:
"Lafferty, A (Cllr)"
"JOHN WALKER"
Sunday, 2 August, 2009 11:00 AM

Mr Walker,
I have just returned from holiday and am catching up with the e-mail backlog. I also confirm that I have discussed the matter with Mr Macintosh, likewise I cannot share information of individual cases with others.
Yours sincerely,
Cllr Alan Lafferty

Dear Mr Lafferty.
I was please to meet Tony Woods today in Sheddens.
He was telling me that he has got a place care home at Netherlee I think he said.
You should be aware that he does not look well: he is gaunt in the face, and has a huge unnatural stomach, and he is breathless.
I hope and pray he does make full recover after what he has been through.
He was asking about his clothes from his house. You, as you know, would not entertain me getting involved; I told him that I would alert you about about our conversation.
I feel the MSP has a part to play, and that he should visit Tony in his care home and update him as regards his situation, and reassure him that he, as the elected member, will do all he can to see that he is looked after by the services available to him in East Renfrewshire.
Yours sincerely
John A.Walker

NO REPLY TO THIS E-MAIL

Tue, 27/10/09

Dear Mr MacIntosh,

As regards our meeting in Glasgow city centre recently have you managed to visit our friend Tony Woods and offer him support.

The reports from the local area are that Tony is in now back in hospital very ill. The social work I hope have kept you up to date with events.

Yours sincerely

John A.Walker

Tuesday, 27 October, 2009 2:11 PM

Thanks for your e-mail Mr Walker.

I wasn't intending on visiting Mr Woods but I will contact Social Services again to see what support he is receiving.

Thank you once more for your ongoing concern.

Yours sincerely

Ken Macintosh

From: John A.Walker

Sent: 08 January 2010 11:41

To: Maclean, Iain (Housing)

Cc: Ken.MacIntosh.msp

Subject: RE: Wee Tony

Dear Mr Maclean,

Thank you for getting back as regards this issue.

The best way to bring clarity to the situation is to explain:

Why did you evict Mr Woods?

The above information should be known to the community.

Yours sincerely

John A.Walker

On Fri, 8/1/10, Maclean, Iain (Housing)

From: Maclean, Iain (Housing) <Iain.MacLean eastrenfrewshire.
Subject: RE: Wee Tony
To: John A.Walker
CC MSP Ken Macintosh
"Miller, David eastrenfrewshire
Phil.Daws eastrenfrewshire
Date: Friday, 8 January, 2010, 12:03

Mr Walker, having now received the information requested I can confirm that Mr Woods was *evicted from his tenancy in May 2009 for rent arrears.

This followed decree being granted at Paisley Sheriff Court , in accordance with our own internal and legislative procedures.

There is considerable information which I am not able to divulge regarding the significant and sustained attempts made by staff across Council Departments, in an effort to prevent the eviction taking place. However, this was not possible due to Mr Woods non communication nor co-operation.

It might reassure you however to know that our staff continued to support Mr Woods following his eviction, and that after his eviction he was actually been provided with other (supported) accommodation by the Council, which I understand he occupied until his death.

As indicated, Mr Miller has agreed to meet with you should you wish to provide you with further detail of the Council's procedures.

I hope however that this information is helpful.

Iain MacLean
Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park , Giffnock
Tel: 0141 577 8677
email: iain.MacLean eastrenfrewshire

From: John A.Walker
Sent: 08 January 2010 13:44
To: Maclean, Iain (Housing)
Cc: Ken.MacIntosh.msp
Miller, David; Daws, Phil
Subject: RE: Wee Tony

Dear Mr MacLean,

Many thanks for your e-mail and helpful information.

Only one other thing remains:

Can you confirm that no official petition was made to your office on behalf of Tony Woods from MSP Mackintosh, or Councillor Lafferty to lift the eviction order.

Yours sincerely
John A.Walker

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Friday 8 January 09

from: email: iain.MacLean@eastrenfrewshire

Mr Walker, there was no such petition* but, to be fair, I would not have expected this.

A decision to seek decree to evict is solely a matter for officers of the Council.

There is no role for an elected member nor an MSP to play in this process.

Neither the MP, MSP nor any elected member would be advised of our intention to seek an eviction decree, so they would have no opportunity to oppose or petition against such an action.

I hope this clarifies matters.

Iain MacLean

Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park , Giffnock

Tel: 0141 577 8677

Friday, 8 January, 2010 6:23 PM

Dear Mr MacIntosh,

I note from your e-mail that you are against suspending the housing officer for East Renfrewshire, until a public inquiry is held into the death of Tony Woods; in fact as regards this case you have no interest in holding an inquiry at all. I think it is fair also to say, as people will see from reading your e-mail's, and dealing with you, that you have no real interest in the case at all: You never spoke to Tony! You never petitioned the Housing Officer on his behalf! You were aware that the public could not do this: you refused to give them the relevant information as regards what the eviction order was all about, and who to petition. In this instance you were aware that you were the only person that could do this so that the problem could be sorted out in a humane way.

When you went to bed at night you understood that your constituent Mr Woods of Busby was having to sleep rough because of the eviction order, but you did nothing: you neither sought out the Housing officer with a view of trying to get him to withdraw the order. You would not entertain any members of the community getting involved in a process through your office that would end the eviction order

A report on the death of Mr. Woods will justify the above. It will be published after he has been laid to rest, and the details will be made available to the public: for it is indeed the case, as any sane person will see, that Tony's death was caused by the eviction order. They will be able to see the non representation of the elected member as regards the petition that I put to you, time and time again, to help your constituent to get the eviction order lifted, that subsequently led to the death of Tony Woods from Busby.

God help you.

John A.Walker