PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr Fred Fifer
Chairman
Former Boys & Girls Association
Cottage 8
Quarriers Village
Bridge of Weir
Scotland
PALL 35 x



26th October 2004

Dear Mr Fifer

I am writing to you as a member of the association of the FBGA to-date myself and the individuals registered through await the accounts, the agenda, and the new constitution as per the AGM of the Ltd September 2004.

1st September 2004 in Quarriers Village. I have contacted the FBGA Secretary on numerous occasions in relation to the above.

I was asked by the former Chairman of Quarriers Robin Wilson to go down the current routes to try and resolve any issues we had as former boys and girls and myself as the representative of individuals registered with the FBGA through INCAS.

It is my personal wish to resolve these issues to the benefit of all the former boys and girls and in particular issues in relation to some of the individuals involved in the recent court cases.

I have recently been informed that Mrs Helen Porteous has registered her husband Mr John Porteous the former chair of the FBGA as a member and herself.

I am writing to you as we wish written clarification as to Mr and Mrs Porteous current and future status within the FBGA.

As you are aware Mr Porteous has been convicted of crimes against children and is currently incarcerated in Peterhead prison.

In my view also Mrs Helen Porteous has brought the FBGA into disrepute by her past actions as outlined in past correspondence.

I believe that I personally have given the FBGA every opportunity to put its house in order.

The situation with regards Mr Porteous and any future participation within the FBGA is unacceptable to me and the individuals I represent.

We were also informed by Walter Smith the past Chair, of the FBGA that Mrs Helen Porteous had resigned and would not be returning to the FBGA.

Others and I will take affirmative action should you as an organisation fail to act.

The issues in relation to Quarriers Homes and other institutions of the past are to be debated in the Scottish Parliament with regards to Petition 535.

I will be raising the issue of Mr Porteous returning to the FBGA and Quarriers with the Scottish Executive officials who INCAS have had dialogue with recently.

I am prepared as a last resort to allow you the time and effort to resolve this situation amicably and with this in mind I have left my contact No with Shelia Logan at cottage 8 for you to contact me to discuss this situation.

I would like to add that I appreciated the courtesy afforded to me and my colleague on a recent visit to Quarriers and cottage 8 and would ask that you pass on my personal thanks to Shelia.

Yours Sincerely

David Whelan INCAS