

## Social media bad boy

Posted by Newsline - 17 Sep 2015 18:37

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ERC have surpassed themselves this time with a major sense of humour breakdown.

Coming soon.....

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## Re: Social media bad boy

Posted by Newsline - 19 Sep 2015 16:09

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Elected members are public figures and as such their faces are posted on the council web site and publications that are displayed throughout council buildings. Some also spend some time in front of cameras promoting East Renfrewshire (some more than others).

We utilise these images of our public figures who are elected by the public of East Renfrewshire and paid an allowance by the residents of East Renfrewshire which we obtain from the council web site (which is paid for by the public) and other media, like the council facebook page (paid for by the public), Photographs taken by council staff (paid for by the public).

We also utilise other sources like You Tube.

There was an event last year that we reported on and a number of elected members were present and provided an interview on camera. We have used several images from the video, and like all of our images they have never been photoshopped or altered in any way.

We are aware that one elected member in particular hates the image that we have used recently of her.

However all that we can say is that is how you actually look, if you were to look in the mirror, that is your image and we have not altered it in anyway.

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## Re: Social media bad boy

Posted by Newsline - 19 Sep 2015 16:15

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Members of staff at East Renfrewshire Council are paid a salary by the residents of East Renfrewshire. We utilise photographs of them when required to highlight or provide an image to compliment an article or story.

We obtain these images from either the council web site or other media that they, the council, have posted them on.

We would have to suggest that if the staff do not wish to be identified and share their images on the internet then they should not pose for photographs in the first place.

**Image of Councilors and Members of staff which is currently displayed on the council facebook page.**

In addition some of the images being displayed, ERNHW Limited own. Like this one which was taken from a video that was commissioned by ERNHW Ltd and after the council went in a huff a few years ago they asked for it to be taken down. This request was refused and they had their chief solicitor (paid by the public) write and request again that it be taken down. ERNHW Ltd offered to sell it to the council for the sum of 1 pence, Jim Sneddon who features in the video sellotaped a 1 pence coin to a piece of paper and sent that. This was sent back and a cheque requested, but this was refused by Jim Sneddon.

**Jim Sneddon Head of Democratic Services**

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b) We would strongly dispute that the council have any justification in law to even consider legal proceedings. We would also highlight that people placing comments against photographs are called memes, and are intended to be humorous.

**We would also have to suggest that those without humour should not view these images.**

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## **Re: Social media bad boy**

Posted by Newsline - 19 Sep 2015 17:01

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ERNHW Limited will await with interest any correspondence from the ICO concerning Data Protection Issues.

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## **Re: Social media bad boy**

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What does this actually mean?

Tom will not be in a position to telephone Jim Sneddon and ask how he is doing and wish him a Merry Xmas, or send him a Xmas Card.

However he will be in a position to continue to submit FOI requests.

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Is East Renfrewshire Council now in the business of threatening and bullying the chair of ERNHW, and if so for what reason and to what purpose?

ERNHW operates under an executive committee which consists of 12 people.

It is always stated that if any individual objects to anything that appears in the forum that all they require

to do is send an email to the admin addy, stating which item causes them to object and why.

Thereafter the item(s) will be looked at and the complaint assessed and if upheld the item(s) will be removed.

ERC are well aware of this policy, as are each individual elected member and anyone, including staff are encouraged to contact ERNHW and indicate which threads / posts are causing them a problem, and why, and these complaints will be investigated.

The question has to be asked, is Caroline Innes abusing her position in this regard?

It would appear to us that if anyone is being threatened, bullied etc then it is the chair and that there may be cause for him to consider legal proceedings.

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