

Richard Farnell is telling the truth

Former Rochdale Councillor Stephen Moore believe Council Leader Richard Farnell told the truth about Knowl View School in his evidence to the Child Abuse Enquiry.

Stephen Moore chaired the Social Services Committee from 1990 to 1992. He says,

“During that time, I asked, through Ian Davey, the Director of Social Services, to attend a meeting of the Area Child Protection Committee just to see how it operated. That request was refused.

Myself and another Councillor had to go to the High Court in London so get permission to see the files in the Satanic Abuse cases. The Court only gave partial access.

Leading Councillors were given precious little information of what was going on. Given my experience, I have no doubt that Cllr Farnell is telling the truth when he says he was not informed as to what was going on.

I was asked to give evidence to Rochdale Council’s own enquiry and willingly did so. I have not been asked to take part in the current enquiry. I read in the press how unfortunate it is that the late Cllr Mary Moffatt, who chaired the Education Committee, is not able to say what she knew. I, however, am alive and kicking and have not been approached by the current enquiry.”

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