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Dear Mr Willox

Untruthful Statement on Bo'ness Website

I am in receipt of your letter of 28 March 2006 responding to my recent letter in connection with the above. I would comment as follows.

1. No, I was not aware you had published my letter in its entirety on your website but no doubt if there is anything untoward accompanying that publication that could cause further distortion in the minds of the Bo'ness public on the Museum issue my local colleagues will let me know.
2. Whether or not you consider a retraction is necessary depends entirely upon what kind of integrity you have towards truthfully advising the Bo'ness public with regard to local matters. Certainly there is no reason for any confusion on this issue.
3. In the website article you published you claim "Falkirk Council are proposing to close Kinneil Museum and transfer almost all the exhibits to Callendar House in Falkirk". You also state "a small amount will remain in Bo'ness".

Those quotes are taken directly from your publication and are totally untrue. Nowhere on either of the reports is such a thing even remotely suggested and the truth of the matter is that the proposals would result in the majority of the artefacts from Kinneil Museum being retained in Bo'ness.

Even if you were in ignorance of that fact that still does not excuse you putting such false information before the Bo'ness public without having made some effort to check your facts. Failure to retract these untruths now the facts have been made known to you would of course produce a somewhat different view of your actions and raise questions as to your motives.

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I trust that clarifies the matter and removes any confusion which might have existed in your mind just as a retraction would of course clarify the confusion you may have put into other people's minds which would be indeed in the interest of local citizens and serve the principle of openness and transparency.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Constable".

**JOHN CONSTABLE J.P.
DEPUTE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

cc Mr A Scott, The Bo'ness Journal, North Street, Bo'ness