



Lurking in the shadows of The Darkened Skye

Rubha Phoil - The Truth



Bellicose & Belligerent...

I had the most unpleasant experience of my life when I went to Rubha Phoil. I am a freelance photojournalist making a modest printed magazine about living off-grid. I was given permission to visit, and to interview the proprietor, but 3 minutes into the interview, he stopped me talking, and chastised me for asking him questions, when he had already given me permission to ask. Then he told me to pick up a stone, hold it, and dwell on how lucky I was to be in his presence, before lecturing me on native culture, when he has never visited any native cultures, and I have spent years documenting Inuit, Athabascans and Australian Aborigines.



Quarrelsome...

After a very difficult interview where the 'land-owner' was rhetorical, indifferent, narcissistic and displaying psychological aggression, I asked to take his portrait, which would have taken a few moments, but I was told to leave, and return 24 hours later, which impacted my busy schedule. I later discovered that he apparently bullies local people out of their homes, so he can take their land. By all accounts this man is an army deserter from Belgium, and has been thrown out of his country for illegal protesting.



Ill-natured & Pugnacious

He has taken land on the Isle of Skye illegally, and has thrown together a community where he exploits young people to work for him for free. He asked me to never publish his interview and portrait, and I never have, but instead he published a damning and defamatory file online about me, loaded with many falsehoods. I have asked him to remove this file from online, as I have done nothing wrong, but he says I now have to wait for his email and his 'proposal for resolution'. Somehow his sociopathic ego has been rubbed up the wrong way. He accuses me of being a Daily Mail reporter, but nothing could be further from the truth, and his immorality has tainted Scotland. I looked at his accommodation in his community and would have never paid to stay as everything was so dirty, smelly and shambolic. This is not a fake review, and 100% true. Google

STATEMENT - I did absolutely nothing wrong - I asked the proprietor if I could visit to make an interview, and he said yes. I made the interview, and was told to return a day later to take his portrait. Then I left. A short while later I was told I could not use his words or portraits, with no explanation why. I agreed not to publish anything, but fell foul of the proprietor's bad attitude, and soon after he published a PDF file of our email exchanges online. I have asked him to remove the file, but he doesn't respond. I make a very small magazine, which I publish at a loss because I believe it is inspiring and encouraging for others. I am not a reporter for anyone, and my intentions have a long track record of being honourable. The world is in a bad state because of people like this man, and I feel forced to retaliate with this webpage until he agrees to behave humanely.

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