



JOINT GUM REBUTTAL OF 'PRESIDENT MORRIS: REALISM, DECENCY AND FAIRNESS IN THE COMMUNITY IN APRIL'

PREFACE

No subsequent response from Morris can undermine the truthfulness of this rebuttal. The GUM is not out to 'destroy,' Mr Morris, merely ensure the safety of its members and the community as a whole. The actions taken were echoed by MicroWiki, ascertaining the strong measures taken by the GUM. We cannot reveal any more of the allegations brought to us, because we simply don't have the evidence to back it up unlike with everything else we will mention, even if we are sure of its credibility. But rest assured, if we were to, then the results would be damning and many less of you would be supporting Mr Morris' defence. We don't want readers to now harass Dan, invade his privacy or be vigilantes. We want a peaceful conclusion to this, which is that Dan steps back from the community and admits that his past and present actions mean that many are now uncomfortable being in organisations of which he is apart. We hope Dan realises that by lying in his original statement has left us no choice but to issue this rebuttal, and realises if he had just been honest, there could have been another way back in for him, and reconciliation for us all.

"An account of my life in 2011 was created, which included libellous accusations, falsified information and dramatized/exaggerated accounts of a personal event that I was involved with in 2011 when I was 17; an autistic, developmentally strained teenager with social problems and relationship problems, aswell as depression and emotional apathy. I Was accused of something larger than what was actually happening, in terms of a relationship I had with another micronationalist.. I won't go into the details because that isn't appropriate, but the accusations were investigated by the Police (the real police) because people I saw as friends, formed a legal case and witch hunt against me, believing their authority to outweigh any other and seeing themselves as part of the legal world in the sense that they worked as liaisons for real Police. That case was put to rest in that year, as the Police that visited me, and took my property and restricted my movement, concluded they were essentially wasting their time, and wished me well, and left after their Investigation had turned up nothing, much to the annoyance of the self-declared lawyers of several micronations."

The account provided of Mr Morris in 2011 was not falsified, it could not have been; because we did not provide an account of Mr Morris life or the version of events around this period¹ – merely, we sought to bring light to previous convictions that were of the interest our community which is full of children that could be vulnerable. The only mention to the Quorum of Mr Morris' past misdemeanours was as follows; *'The matter revolves around information that has come to light which implicates Dan Morris was previously involved in inappropriate relationships with micronationalists, often much, much younger than himself. Indeed, there is substantive evidence that Dan was in possession of indecent images of underage children, in the approximate period of 2011-2012.'* All of this is true, and there are multiple attestations to this. The idea that Dan was only involved in one relationship is simply false; accusations at the time came from three or four different underage micronationalists reporting him to MicroWiki admins². There are further recollections of Dan 'harassing' up to half a dozen people. Perhaps, not all of these were of a malicious nature, however it is important that we stress in this section, Dan vastly understates the extent of his inappropriate relationships in his statement. There is also good reason why Dan wouldn't want to go into the details of the relationships, that is because some involved deeply inappropriate behaviour – so much so, it warranted the involvement of the police³, the latter of whom would never have been involved if the then MicroWiki admins didn't think something was *really* wrong⁴. Indeed, the police did get involved, and as Dan correctly states, did not pursue the case. However, this is not necessarily because they found no wrongdoing. It is worth noting in the UK, police are particularly lenient regarding the distribution and possession of child pornography, especially if those involved are above the age of consent, and if the perpetrator is also a teenager, has mental health issues and disabilities, as is Dans case⁵. To that end, it would be worth mentioning the police referred him to therapy to combat his behaviours, something they would not have done had they not found wrongdoing even if Mr Morris tells us they 'found nothing.'⁶

"Yesterday and tonight showed me the extent of this concept. I was kicked from an organisation, offering no chance to respond or defend myself, and not even being told the reason for my suspension until the ENTIRE subject was announced in quorum to many dozens of people in that org, many who did not know me, of me, or those whom I would consider friends.

The information presented was false, libellous, defamatory and described a person that I am not, all based on an unknown someone's accounting behind closed doors."

Mr Morris was not kicked from the organisation, he was suspended pending a Quorum investigation, as is a proper and legal GUM process⁷. Dan was asked by the Supreme Judge to provide a statement defending himself, which he later issued⁸. The evidence presented by us was not false, and there were authentic screenshots from victims whose rightful plea for anonymity should not deduct from the seriousness of their accounts and their discussions with

Mr Morris, of which, were deeply inappropriate and concerning. Victims have the right to account behind closed doors, and if they have chosen to do this, one cannot claim an account is a falsity. That is degrading to the victims and proves Mr Morris refuses to acknowledge the extent of his actions, which he earlier 'apologised' for.

"What resulted, was complete chaos. The Chair of the Organisation, had silenced anyone who wished to support my defence, had closed the discussion so that voices of support for me could not speak. I was kicked from the organisation as I said, with no opportunity to respond, react nor defend myself, I have recently become aware that all these things are in fact violations of the charter of this organisation, and the chair has been described by several people (unprompted) that his attitude is 'Insane'; a word that was used frequently by those speaking to me about it., especially after learning that the Chair was handing out expulsions for anyone that spoke on the subject, defended me, or let me know what was happening. I have been messaged by several people, who understand the ridiculous nature of these accusations, their wording and their defamatory goals. Several staff have resigned, several delegations have packed up and left, and I have been personally told by several that they intend to leave aswell in due course."

Anyone who wished to support Dan Morris was not silenced. In fact, apart from the Supreme Judge initially, no-one in the GUM did defend his actions. The concern came from the fact Mr Morris was not directly present to respond to them, something which was impossible due to safeguarding concerns, and the fact that under 18s were present at the Quorum. It would have been irresponsible for the Chair, knowing the extent of the allegations, to allow Mr Morris back into a venue where he could pose harm. Those wishing to speak out against Mr Morris were also told to keep order. The Quorum itself did indeed have to be dissolved due to the complete lack of order – but this was not because people were defending Mr Morris, rather, they were concerned as to why the GUM wasn't going straight to the authorities considering the nature and severity of the evidence, and this caused chaos. The Chair did not hand out any expulsions for those wishing to defend Mr Morris, of whom, there still seems to be no-one in the GUM. The Chair threatened to hand out expulsions to *anyone* who spoke further of the matter, including those against Mr Morris₉. No staff had resigned as has been suggested₁₀. Only one delegation left the organisation as a result of the ordeal, Poplar Nerva, and that was because they were 'disgusted the GUM had admitted a character such as Dan Morris into the organisation in the first place.'₁₁ No one left in defence of Mr Morris, or due to the Chairs handling of the situation. Several members such as Essexia, Lytera and Millania have indeed stated they intend to leave, but only if Mr Morris is readmitted back into the organisation₁₂. The GUM has no defamatory goals, and only wishes to safeguard its members, most of whom are under 18, from danger.

“The idea that a real tribunal/trial had been organised, is laughable. The conduct was unbecoming of staff members, who have treated this as a witch hunt with a goal to destroy me utterly. For reasons that have not come to light as of yet.

What has happened this week is beyond horrific. The treatment of delegates, friends, colleagues and even people asking about what is going on, has been downright SHAMEFUL. The conduct by the members of this organisation has been nothing short of disgraceful, for such a highly strung group that prides professionalism and efficiency over most other things.”

No staff member wishes to destroy Mr Morris. The staff is in agreement that the safety of its members comes first. Many of us have no personal quarrel with Mr Morris, and have had a positive and productive micronational career with him. No deeper reason or conspiracy saying otherwise will ever come to light, because that is the truth. Mr Morris then seems to contradict himself. He states that we were too public with this situation initially¹³, then claims that we were not public enough when we refused to depart or share information to the multitude of micronational entities that have approached us for comment. Indeed, the Quorum itself was told not to share any of the exposed information with anyone, and one of the reasons it has got out is through the actions and public outcry of Mr Morris himself. Any member found to have revealed sensitive information, contrary to the organisation's instructions, will be greatly punished.

“The information shared and distributed with dozens of people was sensitive, serious and potentially incriminating, as the ‘facts’ as they were presented, were presented as gospel, with no other viewpoint allowed other than to agree, or face punishment in discord servers, and demotions and suspensions.

Those involved, have shut down any kind of mention of ‘innocent until proven guilty’, as bigotry has made its nest in this chicken coop, who don't like debate yet live off of it.”

We are glad Mr Morris agrees that the information presented was sensitive, serious and incriminating; because it is. The evidence, which has been confirmed to be true, is indeed incriminating. If it were not for the wishes of the victim not to go to the police, then the Chair would have done so, and Mr Morris would have been expelled without question. No one ever doubted the credibility of the evidence, and if they did, they were never going to be demoted or expelled. The allegations that we ‘suspended are silenced people’ are simply untrue, and for this you ask anyone in the GUM for proof.

“The evidence presented to back up this idea that I was somehow a threat to safety, that the last few years of my character somehow never happened, was 2 screenshots of

banter/sarcasm in the form of literally a couple of memey comments made, comments which were neither sexual, flirtatious, directly provocative nor incriminating in any way, aside from perhaps someone not having the same sense of humour and took it seriously. As for the claims of my past, evidence was presented by someone who was present in 2011, who accounted the truth to the organisation, explaining the real events and an actual first hand account, as the individual was involved in the beginning, and the staff members who presented this information, were not."

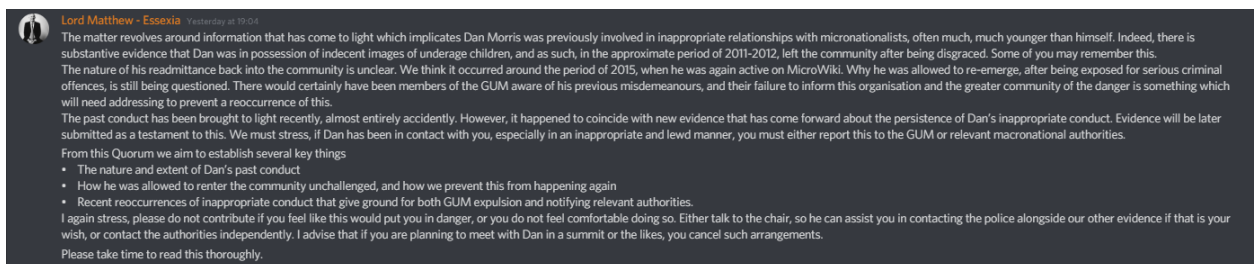
It is rather despicable that here Mr Morris claims that his actions were justified because of the 'meme,' and accusing an underage victim of sexual harassment of 'not having a sense of humour.' The comments made by Mr Morris were inappropriate; he claimed he was distracted because a then 15-year-old was too 'sexy' and referred to him as 'daddy.'¹⁴ He took the suggestion of a first fight sexually, and called it 'suggestive,' and when told that was not what was meant – he proceeded to discuss the sex interpretation anyway, acknowledging the victim was underage.¹⁵ Certainly, these comments alone are '*sexual, flirtatious and directly provocative,*' and if Mr Morris does not see as such and continues to undermine the seriousness of this wrongdoing, this is further evidence of his unfitness to be in our community.

"I have as of yet not been afforded a reply from any of the individuals that make the decisions in the organisation, for now, my delegation is suspended, I do not know if this decision will be overturned, I like to think that it will be, as I know I have been candid, respectful, not pushy nor explosive during this whole debacle. I have been patiently waiting for the opportunity to speak about this, so I decided to address you here today."

He did receive a reply from several members of the organisation. However, he also interrogated and vilified staff members, directly messaging the Vice Chairman to call him 'disgusting' and a 'liar' for supporting the proceedings – another indication Dan was never going to be complicit in the dealing with the event, and was certainly not going to be 'candid and respectful.'¹⁶

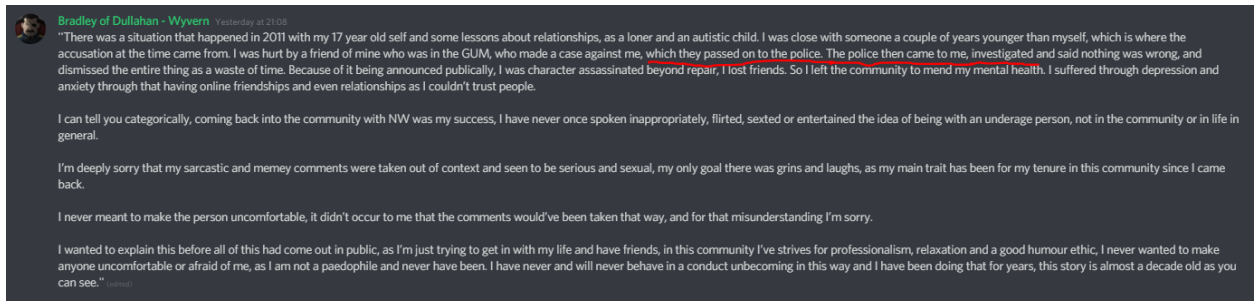
REFERENCES

1. See below figure of the original GUM statement.

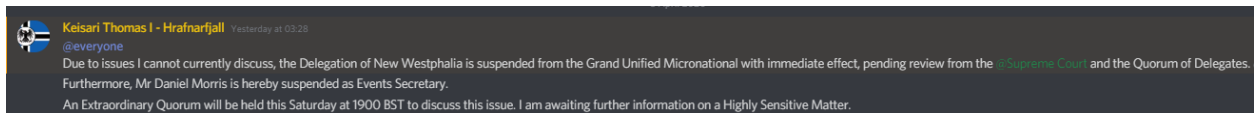


2. Can be evidenced by asking MicroWiki admins of the period (Will Soergel, Marka Mejakhansk, Sebastian Linden)

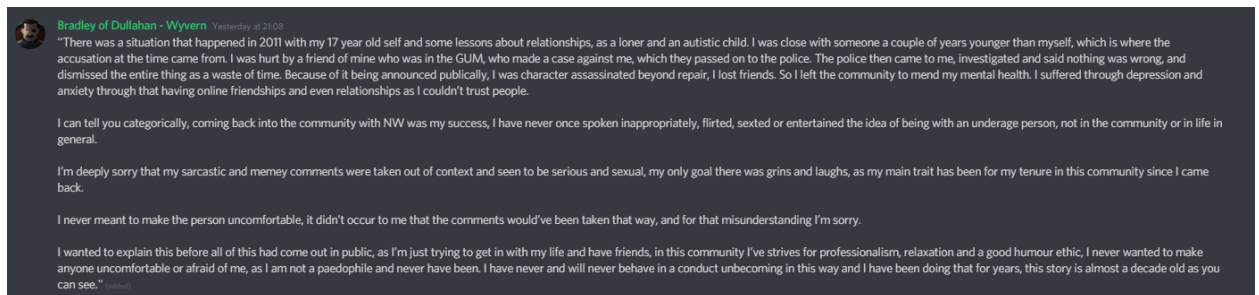
3. See below figure of Dan's initial statement.



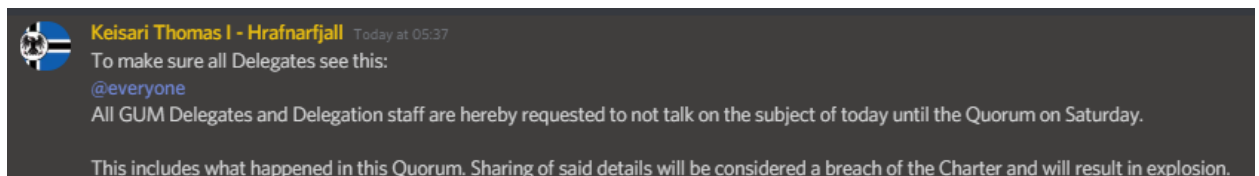
4. Can be evidenced by asking MicroWiki admins of the period (Will Soergel, Marka Mejakhansk, Sebastian Linden)
5. <https://theconversation.com/sending-a-naked-selfie-can-be-a-criminal-offence-but-not-m-149> 'Even if no formal action is taken by the police, any investigation will be recorded on the young person's criminal record – which may well be disclosed at a later date.' Although this may not have been the case with Dan, the police can, and often do, dismiss a case without actually bringing forward charges.
6. Refer to Mr Morris' statement.
7. See below figure of the Chairs initial announcement.



8. See below figure of Dan's initial statement issued to the GUM



9. See below figure of a statement from the Chairman.



10. See below figure of members of the staff in the GUM discord channel. Apart from Dan Morris, every member before this event is still present. This can be confirmed with all of them.



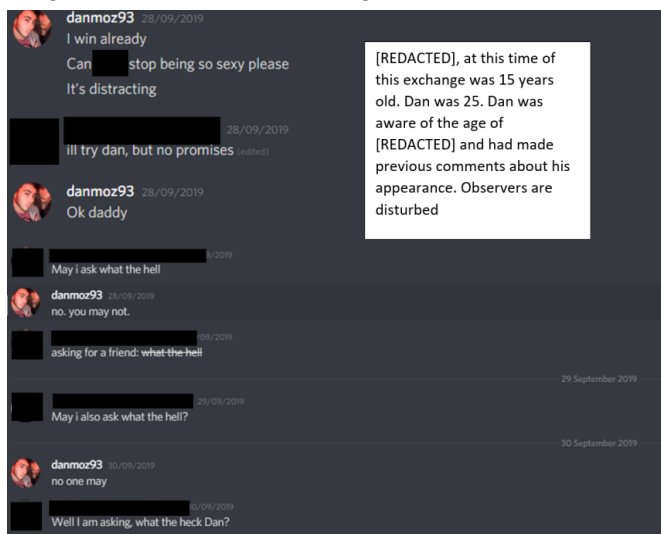
11. See the below figure, the departing statement of the Poplar delegation. This can be confirmed directly with them.

 **BugJJ** Yesterday at 19:52
The Government of Poplar Nerva has conducted an emergency meeting, and a vote has been passed. We are disgusted by the defence of Dan Morris, and are hereby leaving the Grand Unified Micronational. We hope this can be sorted out quickly and properly.

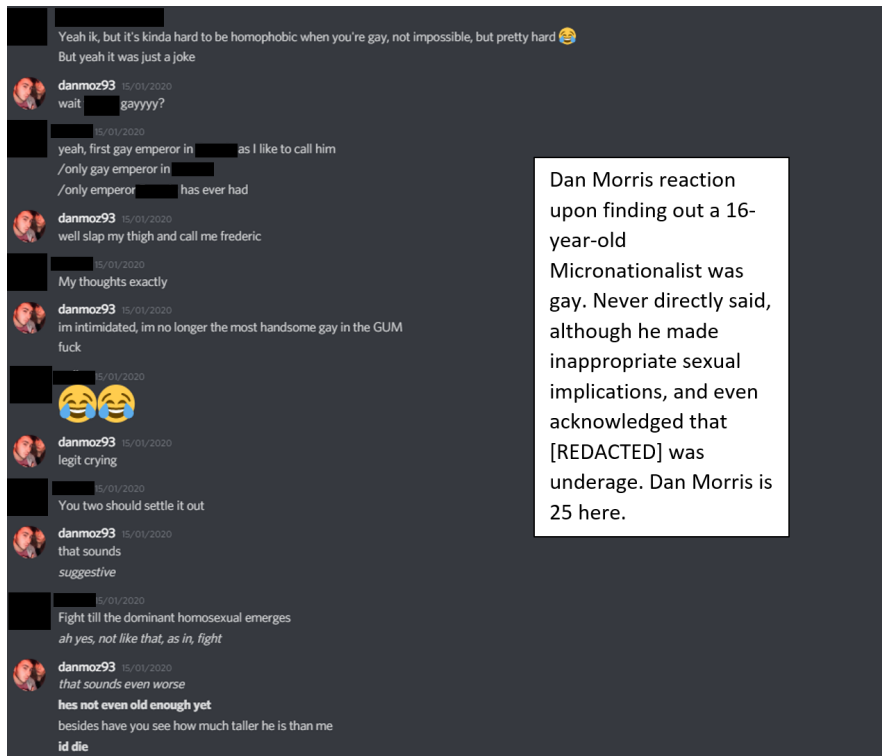
12. Can be confirmed with all three retrospectively if needed.
13. An extract from Dan's statement, in which he complains about the public nature of the trial.

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14. A figure of evidence, relating to the mentioned transgressions.



15. A figure of evidence, related to the mentioned transgressions.



16. See below evidence.

