

**AGENDA AM CYFARFOD I'W GYNNAL AR-LEIN ar 28<sup>ain</sup> MEDI 2023 am 7yh**  
**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD ONLINE on 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 at 7pm**

You are hereby summoned to attend an online meeting of Newport Town Council for the purpose of transacting the following business.

If a member of the public/press wishes to attend the online meeting, please email the Clerk on [npclerk@newport-pembs.co.uk](mailto:npclerk@newport-pembs.co.uk) by **25<sup>th</sup> September**.

- 1. Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb / Apologies for absence**
- 2. Datganiad o ddiddordeb / Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Cofnodion drafft o'r cyfarfod gynhaliwyd ar 31<sup>ain</sup> Gorffennaf 2023 / Draft minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023**
- 4. Materion yn codi / Matters arising**
- 5. Cofnodion drafft o'r cyfarfod Cyllideb a chyllid a gynhaliwyd ar 11<sup>fed</sup> Gorffennaf 2023 / Draft minutes of the Budget & finance meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023**
- 6. Materion yn codi / Matters arising**
- 7. Adroddiad y Cadeirydd / Chair's report**
- 8. Tan-gynnig arfaethedig i Ganolfan Gwybodaeth Trefdraeth (CGT) / Proposed underlease to Newport Information Centre**
- 9. Lloches bws Castell / Castle Bus shelter**
  - 9.1. Legal fees quotes - See Appendix 1
- 10. Perchnogaeth gerddi Victoria / Victoria gardens ownership – See appendix 2**
- 11. Adroddiadau pwyllgorau cynghori / Advisory committee reports**
  - 11.1. Grants and projects /community assets joint meeting
  - 11.2. Traffic
  - 11.3. Street market
- 12. Canolfan Croeso**
  - 12.1. Information centre garden plan
  - 12.2. Dripping pipe
  - 12.3. Leaking solar panels
- 13. Cyfarfodydd Hybrid meetings**
- 14. Toiledau cyhoeddus / Public toilets**

14.1. Meeting held with Katie Daly, PCC – see Appendix 3

## **15. Parcio ar traeth mawr / Newport sands parking**

15.1. Email received from Gary Meopham, PCNPA – see Appendix 4

## **16. Datblygiad llety gwarchod Maes Ingli / Maes Ingli sheltered accommodation development – see Appendix 5**

## **17. Swyddi gwag cynghorwyr / Councillor vacancies**

## **18. Adroddiad arolwg tai / Housing survey report**

18.1. Task and finish group

18.2. Drop-in session event

## **19. Dogfennau llywodraethu / Governance documents**

19.1. GD13 - Standing orders

19.2. GD16 - Cemetery policy

## **20. Archwilio Cymru Blynnyddol / Annual Audit Wales**

## **21. Materion yr amgylchedd / Environment matters**

21.1. Tree planting project/Brynhyfryd tree survey report and estimate cost of works

21.2. Children's play area annual inspection report

21.3. Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6

21.4. Tackling Climate Chaos guide from OVW and Friends of the Earth Cymru

21.5. Parc y Plant – Fields in Trust plaque

## **22. Lloches parrog a golygfán / Parrog shelter and viewpoint**

## **23. Dŵr Cymru**

23.1. Questions arising from 11<sup>th</sup> July meeting, see appendix 6

23.2. Consider holding a public meeting regarding water quality

## **24. Adroddiad blynnyddol ar flaenoriaethau, gweithgareddau a chyflawniadau / Priorities, activities and achievements annual report**

## **25. Cyllid / Finance**

### **Arian a dderbyniwyd / Monies received:**

Street market deposits £2,190.00

PCC, precept £10,129

Newport Community Library, insurance £312.62

Newport Information Centre, insurance £312.62

Cardigan River & food festival, stall hire £325.00

### **Cyfrifon i'w talu / Accounts to be paid:**

Town Clerk Pay (SO) p.m.	£814.84
Unit 3 rental (DD) p.m.	£150 (vat £25)
Council Tax (DD) p.m.	£166.00
Plusnet, Telephone (DD) p.m.	£32.14 (vat £5.36)
Good energy (electric) (DD) p.m.	£27.00
Google workspace	£6.00
Spindogs, Basic monthly website care package (DD)	£96.00 (incl. vat £16.00)
Arborculture, tree works at Brynhyfryd cemetery	£720 (vat £120)
One Voice Wales, councillor training	£19 (bursary of £19)
Ink cartridges for printer	£30.59
Newport Bay tree & garden services, contracted work	£1,856.25
J. Austin, Market Manager hours	£600.00

- 25.1. Discuss market stall hire fees
- 25.2. New bank signatory
- 25.3. Wicksteed play area equipment quote
- 25.4. Euros Thomas play area parts and labour quote, £915 + VAT
- 25.5. Christmas lights
- 25.6. Telephone contract changeover from PlusNet to BT
- 25.7. Town Clerk appraisal

**26. Cais am blac glas ar adeilad i goffau Canolfan Eco Gorllewin Cymru / Request for Blue plaque on building to commemorate West Wales Eco Centre**

**27. Adolygiad o broses grant Gwella Sir Benfro / Review of Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant process**

**28. Fideo capsawl amser / Time capsule video**

**29. Tudalen RAG / RAG sheet**

**30. Cyfatebiad / Correspondence**

See attached list

**Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf / Date of next meeting**

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

### Appendix 1 – Legal fees

Morgan and Richardson (£1,104), Welch and Co (£1,170), JCP (£1,400)

### Appendix 2 – Victoria Gardens

**From:** Property Helpdesk <[propertyhelpdesk@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:propertyhelpdesk@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 23 August 2023 13:25

**To:** Newport Town Council Clerk <[npclerk@newport-pembs.co.uk](mailto:npclerk@newport-pembs.co.uk)>

**Cc:** Property Helpdesk <[propertyhelpdesk@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:propertyhelpdesk@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Case ID 1547134 - 20230724 Land Ownership Victoria Gardens Newport

Good afternoon

I have been asked if there is a particular reason why the Town council want to establish ownership?

Regards

*Tracey McKee*

Assistant Property Management Support Officer/ Swyddog Cymorth Rheoli Eiddo Cynorthwyol

### Appendix 3 – public toilets

Hi Lowri,

Thank you for the attached. To update you on progress to date:

- I have forwarded on your car parking queries/requests relating to Long Street car park to Marc Owen, who manages this service, to respond to. I am awaiting a response from him.
- Here is the link to the legislation which is used to allow us to cover the cost of toilet facilities within our car parks. Section 32.3 [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)
- I have contacted the agent for the landowner of the Parrog toilet footprint and agreed to meet with them next week to start a conversation on potential ways forward.
- I have asked our property team to advise me on any agreement we have with Dwr Cymru in relation to the pumping station.

I will update you further when I have more information.

With regard to potential closures. I can take these ongoing conversations as your commitment to look into options further, meaning we will not close the facility before 31st March 2024.

In order to keep them going past this date which you have indicated may be required, please can you write specifically to request this before 5<sup>th</sup> November, as we will need to take this request to Cabinet to consider, I do not have the authority to agree to this. We may have more info regarding the above which you can include in this request over the coming weeks, I will feedback as soon as I can.

One question which I think may come up is if NTC will fund the council contract costs to keep the facility open from April 24-March 25 whilst we are looking into potential asset/lease transfers etc. And if not, why

not. I would suggest this is included in the exception request. Otherwise we may find a situation whereby we close the facility 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 until any permanent agreements are put in place.

I hope to have further information soon.

Regards

Katie.

#### **Appendix 4 – Traeth mawr**

Many thanks for your email below dated 4/7/23 and accompanying letter (see attached) setting out 17 no. points plus a conclusion. In response to your query's (reproduced in blue text below for your ease of reference) we can comment as follows:

1. We would like to be informed of the extent of PCNPA's interest/land holdings at Traeth mawr, Newport Beach.

The annotated aerial photo illustrates the extent of the Nat Parks land holdings at Traeth Mawr comprising:

**Hatched Purple**= A leasehold interest of the Crown Estate owned foreshore between Mean low water & Mean High water

**Hatched yellow** & **edged red** = The freehold interest of beach and dunes ( i.e our recent acquisition from the Golf Course)

**Hatched Green** & **edged red**= The freehold interest of the beach head car parks



2. Loss of Car Parking Capacity.

It is difficult to accurately assess the number of available parking spaces that will be lost but we have estimated that there will be a loss of some 300.

This is based on approximately 150 spaces as allocated by PCNPA and some 300 spaces estimated to be used on the sands at the height of the holiday season. You are correct that the aggregate parking capacity at Traeth Mawr is now limited to the finite capacity of our beach head car parks

### 3. Accessibility to the National Park.

The loss of easily accessible car parking spaces represents a barrier to accessing the National Park coastal path and beach environs. Through our actions we are seeking an equitable balance between the reasonable needs of the motorist public and the protection and appreciation of the beach environs for all.

### 4. Beach Ecology.

Removing vehicles from the beach should have a positive benefit to the ecology of the beach but we would like to know in what way the suspected improvement would be seen. Whilst we have not carried out any site-specific analysis at Traeth Mawr, we share your assumption that to a lesser or greater degree, removing vehicles from the beach will have a beneficial effect on that environment and its ecology. Studies carried out elsewhere around the globe support that assumption with one such example from New Zealand being attached for your information.

### 5. General environment changes.

A beach free from car fumes and noise could be seen as an improvement. We would agree with your observation.

### 6. Management of the sand dunes and possible protection measures.

We understand that the sand dunes are also in the ownership of PCNPA and a sympathetic consideration of the dune management would be welcomed. Our recent freehold acquisition now provides us with a secure long term platform for our conservation work within the dunes. However, expectations must be managed as dune systems are extremely dynamic environments in which the opposing natural forces of accretion and erosion ultimately determine the balance.

### 7. Qualification for a blue flag.

A ban on non-essential vehicles on the beach would aid the acquisition of a Blue flag, however we are aware that other criteria such as controlling dogs would also have to be examined prior to qualifying. We would agree with your observations.

### 8. Incidents and accidents on the beach.

Whilst there is anecdotal evidence of incidents on the beach, we are not aware of any evidence that they have occurred. We acknowledge that pedestrians and cars in close proximity could be a cause for concern. Over recent years a number of on site observations have been reported into the Pembrokeshire County Council Incident Report Team by Nat Park Staff, the County Council staff and general public. A selection of those reports are reproduced below.

In 2020

Overnight camping at Newport Sands car park. Fires lit in dunes.
Newport Big Beach: 7 cars, 9 campers, definite evidence of party & fire pit in dunes, litter & site being used a toilet. 2 tents still on beach & vehicle joy-riding on beach.
Issues reported by Richard Vaughan (PCNPA) regarding Newport big beach – evidence of parties, littering, campers and cars on beach in Newport.
Large rocks have been removed allowing accesses onto Newport Signs. Numbers of cars pictured on the beach
Wild Camping on the beach at Newport, stone boulder removed in order to gain access. Photographs supplied

Newport Beach, continued use as overnight staying, 3 campers. All seen on Saturday 1st of August, 0830 am onwards.

Camper vans in Newport camping on land by the Golf Club. Photos sent in on an e-mail following the multagency call.

Requesting information about rave in Newport at weekend following press enquiry. Advised we have only had anecdotal reports but aware police attended

In 2021

Fly camping complaints with littering and toileting. The main beach has now become a camp site for sleeping vans, tents and campers. A couple of complaints of camper vans on beach

Number of vehicles parked on the sands overnight. a tweet from a member of the public complaining about people parking on the beach in newport rather than using the empty carpark.

Amount of Litter and bin on fire at Newport beach

Report of gathering at Newport Sands with large campfire tents/vans/etc followed by complaints by members of public

Parties in the dunes (Pig Y Bennett). Loud music coming from Traethmawr. Antagonist behaviour of visitors towards officers

Complaints of noise by residents living across the river

Reports from the community if noise and partying at night with overnight camping continue to increase we may see an increase in community tensions.

Wildlife disturbance. Impact on sand dunes protected site by campers

In 2022:

Lack of visible/easy beach access to the sea for RNLI/Coastguard, cars had blocked this left and right other than driving towards the wooden groins and finding a gap between cars/tents etc  
Cones from access slipway not really working or making a difference to parking which was both sides  
Lack of parking management meant large gaps and vehicles parking parallel to sea  
A good number of camper/sleeping vans – approx. 20 majority on beach - but daytime parking so unsure if overnight staying  
The usual smashed bottles/litter in the dunes with campfires increasing in use and size – 2 campfires seen

One campervan in NP car park, notice applied. 13 campervan/sleeping van/vehicles on beach  
1 large tent erected with sleeping van/2 ribs etc and visibly and clearly using the beach as a campsite.

We have also been advised by the police that they have had cause to attend the beach at various times and issued cautions having witnessed driving in a manor causing alarm and distress to the public (S.59 of the Road Traffic Act). More broadly, we would agree with your observations concerning the proximity of pedestrians and cars as illustrated by the attached video which was taken last summer ( 2022) .

[9. Right of vehicular access.](#)

We understand that there was a Court ruling in the 1990's that there is no right to public access to the beach. Could you provide a copy of the ruling. On the assumption that you are referring to the High Court case date 18/2/94, please see the attached transcript of the Judge's ruling as requested.

#### 10. Consultation.

Whilst acknowledging that Traeth mawr is in the Community of Nevern, we are concerned that Newport Town Council were not consulted prior to this decision being made. Due to the commercial sensitivity surrounding the opportunity to purchase the beach, negotiating and concluding that purchase from the Golf Course was conducted on a confidential basis under the provisions of para 14 of part of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. Within the constraints of that confidentiality provision, the matter still received the full scrutiny of the National Park Authority and a copy of the NPA report and Integrated Impact Assessment which they considered are attached for your information. We did make contact with Newport Town Council at the first available opportunity following our completion of the land purchase and for the sake of completeness that email is reproduced in full immediately below:

Lowri

*Hope all is well. I have just tried to call you without success, hence this email.*

*My reason for contacting you is to advise Newport Town Council at the first available opportunity that the National Park Authority completed the freehold purchase of Newport Sands Beach from Newport Sands Golf Club yesterday afternoon and that we will be using this new ownership to introduce and deliver a new management direction which will remove all vehicle parking and non-essential operational vehicle movements from the beach. As the first stage of this process, a flyer has been produced ( see attached) doc and a bespoke page has been set up on our web site to provide further information which will be added to in the coming weeks.*

*In the first instance could I please ask you to circulate this email to your councillors and I would of course be only to pleased to chat through with you the steps that we have taken to reach this stage and our identified action points moving forward. If you could drop me an email with your number as and when you have a spare moment, I will then happily call you back to add as much additional background as I can.*

*Regards  
Gary  
10/5/23*

#### 11. Economy.

We believe that the number of people visiting Newport after a trip to the beach will decrease and have a negative effect on the economy. Whilst we hold no data on the previous year's dwell time/footfall patterns in and around Newport either side of beach visits, the beach head parking capacity that we provide at Traeth Mawr can typically accommodate aggregate parking volumes on all but a limited number of 'high days and holidays'.

#### 12. Boat Launching.

We would like some clarity on the retention of the availability to launch boats including Jet Skis. The public's ability to hand launch craft via the use of trailers/trolleys will be available at all times with a caveat that the maintained access point from the main slipway leading onto the beach will be 5 foot wide. Any incremental increase in the width of the opening above 5'' would make it progressively more vulnerable to unauthorised vehicular movements. We are not aware of any proposed changes to any of the other launching points in and around the immediate Newport area.

#### 13. Emergency Access.

We would like some clarity on how emergency access is to be provided. In addition to the 5'' wide opening that will be maintained at all times ( see 12. above), we have already consulted with the Emergency Services to make provision for blue light emergency vehicle access onto the beach.

#### 14. Disabled access.



This is a multi-faceted issue causing great concern to the local community clarity is needed. We are aware of the concern surrounding this particular issue and the matter remains under consideration in pursuit of an equitable balance.

#### 15. Traditional beach access.

There is a strong tradition of driving onto Newport sands and changing this has raised concerns from locals and visitors. We are mindful of this point and have spoken directly to a number of concerned individuals. We have also been contacted by parties expressing support for our actions while the vast majority of motorists at Traeth Mawr are already demonstrating their acceptance (willingly or otherwise) of the decision to end beach parking.

#### 16. Traffic congestion.

We anticipate that there may be traffic congestion from cars parking on the approach road to the beach. What measures are in place to monitor this? There is already a county wide mechanism in place to feed in reports of problem activity to both Pembrokeshire County Council and Dyfed Powys Police. In the context of your query, the former has responsibility for stationary traffic offences (i.e. illegal parking) along the adopted public highway whilst the latter deals with moving traffic offences. How they are able to respond to the reports which they receive at any particular point in time will be governed by their available resources and competing demands.

#### 17. Prescriptive Easement.

Some residents believe that there are Prescriptive Easement rights to gain access to the beach with vehicles. Please comment. The possibility of prescriptive rights being claimed was fully investigated by the Authority's solicitor prior to purchase and the Authority is therefore confident that no such rights exist. Obviously if a party is able to produce evidence to the contrary, that evidence would be considered and referred to our solicitor.

#### Conclusion

Newport Town Council calls on PCNPA to reconsider the removing of vehicular access to the beach and to take part in a consultation with the wider community to discuss the future accessibility on Traeth mawr. An opportunity later this autumn to reflect upon the first summers experiences would be welcomed

### **Appendix 5 – Maes Ingli**

1. Page 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph - **At this stage, the consultants presented an initial concept to the Housing Development Team from the original specification brief provided by the Local Authority. It includes a summary of the initial findings, clarifying the specification and providing an initial design** – what is the initial concept? We have not been given this information. There were 3 options from before – has one option now been finalised? If so why were the town council and community not consulted on this decision? The town council would like to meet with PCC to discuss what this initial concept is.

#### **Response**

Design standards that we are required to adhere to such as some areas of Building Regulations, PCC and Welsh Government Development Quality Requirements (WDQR), have altered since the previous 3 concept designs were prepared and presented. Whilst taking into account previous feedback received from those designs, this has enabled the design team to see if they can come up with designs that will further improve on what was previously prepared.

At this stage of the RIBA Plan of Works, the designs are still conceptual, working off strategies and design parameters and are still subject to change. Once they have developed and capture the aspirations and feedback previously gathered from several community meetings, the most up to date draft designs will be presented much like they were last time with open evenings, seeking views and feedback from the local community.

2. Page 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph - **On Monday 24th July, the Housing Development Team met with Gleeds (multidisciplinary design consultants) to discuss the outcome from the RIBA Stage 1 for the Maes Ingli Development** – a member of the community has looked into this company and they seem to be a property construction company and not a multidisciplinary consultant as stated. This company is based in Bristol, is there a reason that a company based in Wales has not been involved in this process? Does this company have previous experience of working in the National park, conservation area and experience in designing properties for older people?

#### **Response**

Gleeds have been appointed to not only assist progressing the Maes Ingli Development, but the wider Housing Development Programme. Gleeds have national offices throughout the UK; and the office engaged to support the Housing Development Programme are Cardiff based. Some of the Gleeds Project team have personal connections with Pembrokeshire and live within the county, others still living relatively locally such as Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion.

Gleeds are top ranked within the procurement framework utilised for the commission, where their role is to lead a multidisciplinary team to support PCC Housing Development team. Prior to formally appointing Gleeds, PCC urged that sub-consultants were required to build the multidisciplinary team should be 'local' to the county where possible.

This has included the likes of architects from the Fishguard area and ecologists from the Haverfordwest & Pembroke Dock to date. Other disciplines are located within the South Wales area and have long standing professional connections with PCC and similar organisations. The compiled team has a vast amount of shared experience working of various sized projects of all natures, including general housing for both social and private developments as well as accommodation which is more focused for elderly, care / residential homes, plus others such as schools, medical and industrial. The team also have a vast combined knowledge and experience of delivering projects in National Park areas, working with listed building and in conservation areas and understand that every development is unique to account for its surrounding environment.

3. Page 1, 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph - **There will also be consideration for the historic landscape of the area and will include a fabric first approach to construction, maximising home insulation and reducing home running cost and utilising renewable technology where required.** What does this paragraph mean?

#### **Response**

The design and finishes will be in-keeping with the local architecture and landscape, so adopting features and designs from the surrounding buildings. Furthermore, the design will ensure the fabric of the buildings such as the walls, floors, roofs and windows will be as thermally efficient as possible and this is a requirement of the WDQR standards as well as Building Regulations.

This will reduce heat loss and so keep energy bills as low as possible whilst keeping the homes comfortable. Renewables will also be incorporated such as photovoltaic (PV) panels and heat pumps, to reduce the reliance on off the main grids such as electric.

4. Last paragraph on page 1 - **Any updates will also be coordinated with periodic community engagement** – PCC are not engaging with the town council or the community.

### **Response**

As mentioned above, changes in building regulations, PCC and Welsh Government design parameters and the appointment of Gleeds as a multidisciplinary design consultants has resulted in periods where there has been limited update.

With the development now progressing through its RIBA design phases, there will be periodic communication and opportunities for community involvement and feedback that will be considered as designs progress. These will be triggered when the development reaches a specific RIBA stage, where a significant milestone has been reached, or where there is a need to communicate with the community on a matter that will directly affect them.

As a primary point of contact, the Customer Liaison Team may also be approached by the Community Council at any point if they receive enquires from the community in relation to this development.

5. Last but one paragraph on Page 2 - **We will also be arranging a community engagement in the coming months allowing the community to engage with this process and for the Housing Development Team to understand the aspirations and feedback of the community. This will be shared, providing an invitation for you to attend once confirmed.** This has not been arranged.

### **Response**

Since release of this press release, we have been assessing a suitable timetable to hold a community engagement event. The aim of which would be to demonstrate the current stage of the development, allowing the community the opportunity to view concept plans and provide valuable feedback.

Once we are at a stage of completing the RIBA Stage 2, there will be a concept of the proposed development. This will provide initial concept designs, allowing for community review and feedback to the Development Team. During this event, there will be representatives available from the development team and wider consultants to answer questions about the development.

We will be looking to carry out this event in November. The location, dates and times will be provided in due course.

## **Appendix 6 - Dwr Cymru**

### **Matters arising from meeting between DCWW and NTC representatives on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

#### **Background documents**

1. E-mail report from Kelly Jordan DCWW dated 13/07/23 and 20/07/23
2. Notes of the meeting (11/07/23) taken by NTC.

**Newport Town Council has strong concerns regarding the quality of the Bathing Water at Traethmawr/Newport Beach and of the River Nevern.**

**We call upon DCWW and NRW to address the deficiencies in the present system.**

**Newport Town Council remain concerned regarding the duration and frequency of spills from CSO's and in particular Cwm CSO.**

**We regret that there has been no information available to us regarding the volume of spills that are happening.**

**We note that the Event Duration Monitoring discharges calculated using the 12/24 hour block spill method. This is difficult to understand and does not accurately measure actual spill numbers or duration.**

**We would like information regarding the volume of treated sewage returning to Newport Bay from the Aberrhigian treatment works.**

**We wish to have information regarding the testing regime and results of the water quality.**

To Address specific issues arising from various meetings and discussions.

## **Bio Solids**

*“Biosolids are the final treated product of wastewater treatment processes. Biosolids can be used as a sustainable soil enhancer and offer many benefits over chemical fertilisers. They are a valuable source of organic matter, plant nutrients and trace elements.” DCWW*

Bio Solids is the term used to describe treated Sewage Sludge. Sewage sludge is turned into Bio Solids using a number of complex treatments including screening, water removal, lime stabilisation and anaerobic digestion.

Biosolids are supplied as a ‘cake’ that can be spread using a muck spreader and provide phosphates, nitrates and potassium in a slow release form.

There are 3 types

- Untreated Sludge
- Conventionally Treated Sludges
- Enhanced Treated Sludges.

DCWW provide Local Authorities with grid references relating to fields where Bio Solids are used.

### **Questions.**

1. Does NRW consider that the spreading of Bio Solids contribute to elevating nutrient levels in rivers.
2. What type of Bio Solids are DCWW providing for spreading on land in Pembrokeshire and in particular on the land feeding into the Nevern Catchment basin.
3. Ask Pembrokeshire County Council for the location land utilised for Bio Solid spreading.

<https://www.dwrcymru.com/en/our-services/wastewater/biosolids-for-agriculture>

<https://assuredbiosolids.co.uk/>

## **Event Duration Monitoring**

*“Event Duration Monitors (EDM) record the number of times and duration of time our storm overflows have operated. With monitors now on over 99.5% of our overflows, we are able to provide one of the most comprehensive reports on how our storm overflows perform. We report this information to our environmental regulators and also provide real time spill information for key bathing waters to interested bodies, including Surfers Against Sewage and Rivers Trusts” DCWW*

The EDM data is available for 2022.

The following CSO’s probably have an effect on Newport bay water quality.

1. Eglwysrwr – Duration 567 Hours

No of Spills -----

2. Felindre – Duration 1581 Hours

No of Spills 79

3. Parrog – Duration 0 Hours

No of spills 0

4. Dinas – Duration 1379 Hours

No of Spills 89

5. Newport Cwm – Duration 2022 Hours

No of Spills 125

Do Crymych, Boncath and Blaenffos also affect water quality?

The EDM discharges are calculated using the 12/24 hour spill block method. See Appendix 1

<https://corporate.dwrcymru.com/en/community/environment/combined-storm-overflows>

### Questions

1. Will NRW reconsider the 12/24 hour spill block method to enable accurate indications of spills or request that volumes of spills are recorded?
2. When will the 2023 EDM data be available. (DCWW)
3. Do Crymych, Boncath and Blaenffos also affect water quality? (NRW)
4. Why are the recorded duration of spills so high. (NRW/DCWW)

## **Bathing Water Quality Newport Bay**

<http://environment.data.gov.uk/wales/bathing-waters/profiles/profile.html?search=newport&site=ukl1403-38600>

We note the elevated levels of e-coli and I coli for the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023.

### Questions

1. Does NRW have any explanation for this?

## **Welsh Water's Bathing Waters webpage**

<https://corporate.dwrcymru.com/en/community/environment/bathing-waters>

Noted.

## **Stop the Block**

Community Resource for sewer campaigns that encourages communities to look after their sewers, called Stop The Block – has a dedicated website, which you can find here <https://www.dwrcymru.com/en/stop-the-block> You can also learn more about our Community Fund – up to a £5000 grant for communities whereby we are undertaking work – you can view this here - <https://corporate.dwrcymru.com/en/community/projects/community-fund>

The above paragraph explains what causes blockages and possible grants.

### Questions

1. Should NTC promote the “Stop the Block” campaign?
2. Should NTC investigate starting a community project?

### **Attachments to e-mail 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

1. Newport WwTW FE Flow data – needs further explanation.
2. Newport WwTW FE reg data 2021-Jul2023 – needs further explanation.
3. 4 attachments relating to Land at the pumping station at Newport Parrog.  
*“Attached are the land plans (x4) – these are publicly available on the land register. The GIS plan of the SPS itself is representative and should not used as an accurate plan of the exact layout.*

*DCWW do not own the land; it appears the formal adoption process was not concluded (e.g. land transfers) when the asset was originally vested in DCWW a long time ago.*

*The rising main and station are protected via the Water Industry Act 1991, like the majority of DCWW sewerage networks & DCWW have a right to maintain and access our asset regardless of who owns the land.*

*Any development of the land around the assets would be subject to agreement with DCWW via the planning process and, depending upon the proximity to our asset, may be subject to further engineering assessment.*

*If a property owner wants to connect to the public sewer network, then there’s a formal sewer connection process that they will need to go through with Developer Services, which may or may not also need to involve the sewer adoption process.*

*DCWW would assume a degree of responsibility for the upkeep of the land in and around the SPS – e.g., remediating any depressions in the ground or voids due to our assets.”*

**Noted**

#### **Questions**

1. Ask DCWW for explanations of items 1 and 2
2. NTC to consider Item 3 ( Land at the pumping station at Newport Parrog.)

#### **DCWW to confirm type of screen in place at Newport Cwm SPS overflow -**

*The screen in Newport is a static bar screen with a pump that pumps anything caught by it back into the well to prevent it being passed forward to the watercourse.*

**Noted**

### **Spill Alerts 2022**

Spill alerts issued by Smarthub in 2022 - Any gaps in the count are likely due to alarms triggered erroneously, usually due to maintenance so were not issued as a spill alert

#### **Questions**

1. Spills no 11,15 are recorded spill that you have not listed – Why?
2. No stop data for 16 and 19 – Why?
3. We assume that the unrecorded 13 and 17 are alarms triggered erroneously.

Questions arising from NTC Notes of the meeting on the 11/07/23 to DCWW and or NRW.

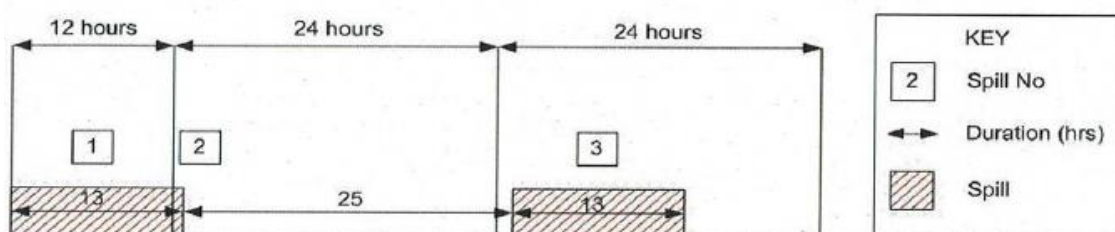
1. Is the volume discharged at the treatment works available?
2. Does it comply with the Dry Weather Flow of discharge of 469 Cubic Metres per day?
3. Does the volume discharge exceed 1184 Cubic Metres a day? (13.7L/s)

4. Is there a continuous flow recorder on site that records a daily volume and instantaneous flow of discharge? (As per 8 (a) in the consent.
5. When will the CSO volume discharged be known?
6. It was stated that this information can be obtained by the EIR process, please explain.
7. What is the classification of the Cwm CSO as per Environment Agency guidelines.
8. Why does the Environment Agency not make allowances for seasonal fluctuations in population when calculating standards for storm overflows?
9. It was mentioned at the meeting that the wet well volume was to be increased, please explain.

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### **Appendix 1**

EDM discharges are calculated using the **12/24 hour spill block method** using the EDM data recorded at 15 minute intervals.



- Any readings over the spill trigger level in the first 12 hour block is counted as 1 spill
- Any readings over the spill trigger level in the next and subsequent 24 hours blocks are each counted as one additional spill per block
- This counting method continues until there is a 24 hour block with no spills
- After a clear 24 hour block the spill counting sequence is reset and begins again when a reading over the spill trigger level is detected

Information on 12/24 counting method can be found on Environmental Agency website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/water-companies-environmental-permits-for-storm-overflows-and-emergency-overflows/water-companies-environmental-permits-for-storm-overflows-and-emergency-overflows#counting-spills>

Public information on EDM and CSO from DCWW website:

<https://www.dwrcymru.com/en/our-services/wastewater/combined-storm-overflows>