

Dear Neil Coleman,

Many thanks for the communication that you sent me dated the 24th of July and once again I am disappointed by the response hence me having to compose yet another complaining response!

If the matter of sewage spilling over open ground and pouring into the Gwili River had only been brought to the attention of Dwr Cymru in November 2012, when I met with Barclay Davies, I would be a little more patient and understanding of our Water Provider reassuring the community that it takes pollution incidences very seriously but that isn't how it is; concerned residents have been raising this issue with Dwr Cymru since at least 2009 when a reply was sent by your Organisation to a member of the community who reported the pollution incident, yet it is only in 2013 and after some communication from myself and our Member of Parliament that a Dry Weather Flow monitoring exercise was undertaken. It is not at all reassuring to be urged to report pollution incidences, knowing as we do by now that nothing happens when we do and the inaction over the last 4 years is evidence of that. I repeat again; no farmer accidentally leaking slurry or silage effluent into the river as an isolated incident would be treated by EA/NRW as leniently as are Dwr Cymru who have been polluting a farmer's field and the Gwili River for at least 4 years.

I have difficulty understanding why does Dwr Cymru have to seek funding for remedial work/upgrading of the sewer; is there no money withdrawn from customers bills for repair and maintenance? Because an emergency situation has arisen in Llanpumsaint, surely there is a contingency fund from which it is possible to draw down money to install some temporary fix while a more permanent solution is found. I'm glad that a DWF inspection has occurred and I appreciate that it is a necessary step in diagnosing the problem and will provide valuable information in its resolution, however, autumn is nearly upon us and the Gwili River will probably have to carry away matter that has a high biological oxygen demand throughout the winter of 2013.

There will be another Community Council meeting held in the beginning of September, by which time I would like to have received from Dwr Cymru , a response containing a timetable of what remedial work needs to be done to the infrastructure and by when it will be done, so that the Councillors can reassure the community that finally, their concerns about sewage spillage are over.

Yours sincerely,

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