



ALL WALES POLLUTION TECHNICAL PANEL

The Bell Country Inn, Llanyre, Lladrindod Wells

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2009 at 10 am

Attendees

Mike Burtonwood, Bridgend	MB
Helen Williams, Bridgend	HW
Sian Hobson, Caerphilly	SH
Anne-Marie Wade, Caerphilly	AMW
Sian James, Cardiff	SJ
Gareth Evans, Ceredigion	GE
Dewi Roberts, Ceredigion	DR
Elizabeth Barlow, Denbighshire	EB
Phil Foster, Flintshire	PF
Paul White, Monmouthshire	PW
Jonathan Keen, Newport	JK
Nick Wood, Neath Port Talbot	NW
Colin Evans, Neath Port Talbot	CE
Sarah Johns, Pembrokeshire	SAJ
Diana Turbervill	DFT
Carwyn Jones, Powys	CJ
Neil Pilliner, RCT	NP
Sam Naylor, Swansea	SN
Huw Morgan, Swansea	HM
Kristian James, Vale of Glamorgan	KJ
Tersa Isaacs, Drinking Water Inspectorate	TI
Phil Chatfield, Welsh Assembly Government	PC
Olwen Minney, Welsh Assembly Government	OM

INTRODUCTION

HM (Chair) welcomed several new faces to the meeting.

Presentation given by Phil Chatfield on "Private Water Supplies in Wales."

Discussion followed on consultation on PWS (Wales) Regulations 2009 which has recently been published. Discussions included problems being encountered and ones foreseen with new Regulations. Phil Chatfield requests information or examples from LA's on (a) leaks from domestic oil storage tanks which have affected water supplies and (b) EPR consultation which is currently out

regarding septic tanks that are proposed to be registered by EA.

TI has circulated questionnaire to all LA's which replaces WAG returns. Requests to complete and return to her. Secretary to re-circulate questionnaire.

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Any queries to either:

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OR

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies have been received by the Secretary from the following:

Tony John, NPT
Gayle Davis, Cardiff
Richard Marshall, UWIC
Lisa Elliott, Blaenau Gwent
Rob Johnson, Flintshire
Andrew Fuller, Flintshire
Gwyn Roberts, Denbighshire
Maria Godfrey, Caerphilly
Alun Rees, Carmarthenshire
Rob John, Carmarthenshire
Huw Thomas, Anglesey

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

(i) HM requested all LA's to advise of any changes in pollution staff. Secretary to circulate spreadsheet to all LA's to be updated.

Secretary / All

(ii) Email reply from Kim Willis (CIEH) circulated regarding Noise returns encouraging all LA's to return survey with as much information as possible.

All

(iii) Secretary informed Group that no leaflets received since last meeting and any leaflets drafted by LA's to be forwarded to Secretary, particularly if translated in Welsh.

All

(iv) HM advised CHaPD are happy to be contacted to assess

	large planning applications.	
(v)	HM advised Section 80 nuisance action is likely to be removed from large infrastructure planning applications.	
(vi)	Olwen Minney advised transfer of private sewers and drains now planned for 2011.	
3.	<u>REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS</u>	
	<u>IPPC/EPR SUB GROUP</u>	
	KJ advised the last meeting of the Group was on 3 rd October 2008 and the next meeting with Jackie Murray (WAG) and Laura Rose (LACORS) was planned for 25 th March 2009 at Rhayader. Topics covered included Atkins Review, representatives on national groups including Integrated Pollution Liaison Group and Industry Forum, current issues for WAG and LACORS etc.	
	<u>CONTAMINATED LAND GROUP</u>	
	WAG Capital CL funding bids due 25 th March. Reminder to all LA'S that 10% costs available for project management but ensure this is not double counted in application.	AII
	HM advised bids can be submitted for 2 year projects and LA encouraged to submit these.	AII
	<u>BATHING WATER SUB-GROUP</u>	
	SH advised meeting to be arranged before May.	
4.	<u>CONSULTATION ON NEW PWS REGULATIONS</u>	
	See discussion earlier.	
5.	<u>TRAINING</u>	
	CIEH 6-pack seminar on EP Regulations on 19 th March at MRC, Llandrindod Wells. Each LA can sign up for this low cost training package and can send up to 3 delegates.	AII
	CIEH 6-pack seminar on Public Nuisance and Licensing planned for 9 th July at MRC, Llandrindod Wells.	
	Caerphilly have organised 3 day training course which is part of Certificate in Competence on 27 th -29 th April. Contact Maria Godfrey at Caerphilly for further information.	AII
	Drinking Water Quality Awareness Day successfully ran recently in North Wales. Training planned for 22 nd and 30 th April at Swansea and Merythr respectively. Contact Helen Williams at Bridgend to book a place.	AII

	<p>KJ suggested areas for future training as: (a) noise from wind farms and individual wind turbines. Flyer received from Decorum. KJ to circulate; (b) Modelling techniques for EIA.</p> <p>NP suggested Environmental Liability Directive. HM advised Memorandum of Understanding to be drafted between LACORS, CCW, English Nature, Environment Agency and Marine and Fisheries Agency. Guidance on Directive on Defra Website and free Defra Training planned.</p>	<p>KJ</p> <p>All</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>PART IIA</u></p> <p>HM advised LACORS and DEFRA are looking to review regime, therefore asking for suggestions. HM requested any recommendations to be emailed to him over next few days which will then be raised at the next National CL Group Meeting.</p> <p>Request made for any LA with particular experience of remediation notice to contact LACORS to pass on their experiences.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE DIRECTIVE</u></p> <p>JK advised draft action plans produced and consultation period finished end of December 2008. Areas of concern around specified areas and re-assessing noise maps work to be done. Assessment of quiet areas in agglomerations also to be done.</p> <p>Next END Working Group Meeting early April. JK/Robert Johnston to feedback to Panel.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>JK / Robert Johnston</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>AQ POLICY GUIDANCE</u></p> <p>HM advised LACORS responded to consultation on LAQM Policy Guidance.</p> <p>Possibly of WAG offering secondment in the future.</p> <p>Strategic Environmental Assessments mentioned in guidance and likely to be needed only with significant infrastructure project. HM to clarify.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>WATER HEALTH PARTNERSHIP FOR WALES</u></p> <p>New Welsh Outbreak Control framework been drafted and with WAG. HM to circulate document when finalised. Document signed up to by DPPW. LA duties in framework include providing out of hours services, meeting rooms, secretarial skills etc – LA's need to be familiar with these duties.</p>	<p>HM</p> <p>All</p>

10.	<p><u>BEST PRACTICE STANDARDS</u></p> <p>HM progressing final version which should be on CIEH Cymru Wales website. Only complete spreadsheet when final version on site.</p>	All
11.	<p><u>WOOD BURNERS/BIOMASS PLANT</u></p> <p>JK advised if wood burner installed in domestic property needs HEATASS certification or Building Regulations approval. HM advised draft consultation on WAG website on bio-energy options.</p> <p>Issue with smoke control area raised at recent WAQF</p>	All
12.	<p><u>NPHS SAMPLE ALLOCATIONS</u></p> <p>Secretary previously circulated documents on sample allocation. Any comments to be forwarded to HM by end of March.</p>	All
13.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>(i) KJ is undertaking research on chemical incidents and our preparedness to them. KJ may contact each LA to do a telephone survey.</p> <p>Meeting finished at 2.50 pm</p> <p>Date and time of next meeting September 2009</p>	All