

P-06-1428 Stop the flooding in Caenant Terrace, Skewen NOW, Correspondence from Petitioner to Committee, 1 July 2024

Good morning Ms Imperato

Many thanks for the update on the above position and the attached document from Huw Irranca-Davies regarding NPTCBC's plans.

My responses to the following:

- What are your thoughts on the attached document? The council have been promising for decades that they will resolve the issues we face many times per year. The flooding has been happening since the 1950s, I attach for the Senedd's information, a copy of a newspaper article dating back to 2001 when we were promised a solution. Sadly, we no longer believe a word that the council tells us.
- Does it adequately address the issues that you raised? No, due to the historical information we had, prior to purchasing our adapted bungalow (I am in a wheelchair), we undertook a flood report and the analysis plots exactly the course of the flooding caused by the culvert which can't cope with the amount of water that runs through it, I attach a copy of the relevant page which shows the high risk of flooding from the culvert and the risk of flooding at the bottom of the Terrace is affected by issues with the mine workings, which is what happened when the mine shaft collapsed. I also attach a copy of an e-mail received from NPTCBC who state that there was flooding in 1997 - in many face-to-face meetings the council has denied that there has ever been any flooding!
- Do you have further questions in response? If this proposal isn't accepted, will there be work done just on our street or will we have to wait many more years for a new proposal?
- Is there anything additional that you would like the Committee to know at this stage, either in response to this document or as an update to the Committee? Please could they see the attached videos showing what we have to suffer from in our street.

Regards SMKerslake

FW: Caenant Terrace

Glen Watkins

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Info:

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Dear Mrs Kerflake

Further to your recent telephone conversation and the risk associated with flooding at No.42 Caenant terrace I can report as follows:-

There is a history of flooding affecting properties in Caenant Terrace with the last flood being recorded in 1997 (where the rear wall of 38 collapsed under pressure of flood water between the railway embankment and the property). The flooding threat is associated with a culvert in various ownerships (private where it passes beneath land in private ownership and NPT where it lies beneath the highway), the threat being associated with the capacity of the culvert and concerns over its condition. Whilst the authority has permissive powers which may be used to undertake repair and upgrading works on private land, it is not bound to do so (ultimate liability for private sections lying with the landowner) and can only undertake work where funding permits. Funding is dependent upon grant funding from Welsh Government being match funded by authority capital funds. A study has been undertaken and it has been identified that it would cost in the region of £800k to implement a flood relief scheme for Caenant Terrace. At present no funding is forthcoming. The authority currently cleans the inlet grid (on private land on a without prejudice basis) to the rear of the snooker hall car Park (this being in the interests of the authority and residents to do so). Some minor improvement works were undertaken here in 2011 so as to make the grid easier to maintain and reduce the risk of flooding. It should be noted that this work is not the ultimate solution and there remains a risk to those properties in the area. (including for no.42).

Regards

Glenn Watkins

Underground investigation to try to solve culvert problem

Residents' flooding misery may be over



By PAUL LEWIS

RESIDENTS of a Skewen street who have endured years of flooding have had their first glimpse of a possible end to their misery.

Neath Port Talbot Council is taking the first steps towards what people living in Caenant Terrace hope will be a permanent solution.

A culvert in the street is unable to cope when the weather is particularly bad leading to serious problems in the area.

But now the council has agreed to pay for an underground investigation to find out why water in the culvert frequently backs up.

Skewen councillor Glaslyn Morgan said he, along with colleague Betsan Powell, had been calling for action for years.

Weather

"Every time the weather is bad there is a great deal of anxiety in Caenant Terrace," said Councillor Morgan today.

"There has been some terrible flooding there in recent years and I can fully understand the misery this causes for residents."

Councillor Morgan said he had explained to the people of Caenant Terrace that the authority only had money available for a survey.

"Whatever remedial work is required is likely to be very expensive and the council is short of resources," he added.

"But at least we will know what needs doing and how much it will cost and then it is a matter of trying to find the money."

"Because of the limited budget there cannot be an overnight solution but at last this is a very welcome step in the right direction."

Chocolate treasure to hunt

THE Easter Bunny will be busy in Swansea's Eastside this week.

He has decided to extend his working hours to tomorrow so he can hide Easter eggs in Bontawe House for its Grand Easter Eggstravaganza.

The house's first-ever Easter egg hunt in Talfan Road, Bonymaen, will provide an opportunity for children under 10 to explore the community facility and hopefully find some chocolate treasure.

It will be held between 10.30am and 12.30pm and for more information ring Bontawe House on Swansea 301851.

Recruitment top in country

SOUTH Wales Police had the best recruiting record of any force in the country in the final three months of last year, Home Office statistics have revealed.

The force recruited 116 new officers and lost 24 during the period.

Dyfed-Powys Police recruited 36 during the time while 18 officers left the force.

Jewels stolen in burglary

A CARRIAGE clock, jewels, an Alfa hi-fi and an Olympus camera were stolen from a mid-terrace house in Gwyllfa Road, Towhill, Swansea, by thieves who forced the back door some time during the day on Friday.

Have you got a story - ring 01792 514606

JBA Surface Water (Pluvial) Flood Map



JBA Surface Water Flood Legend

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