

NOTICE OF MOTION – TY LLWYD QUARRY, YNYSDDU

Notice of Motion standing in the name of County Borough Councillor J. Jones and Councillor J. Reed and supported by Councillor K. Etheridge.

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In the late 1960's illegal chemical waste in steel containers was dumped in Ty Llwyd Quarry, Ynysddu, by local companies (Monsanto, Johnson & Johnson and South Wales Switchgear). Over the years strong smelling leachate from the waste, has leaked from the quarry onto the surrounding countryside.

Due to the concerns of residents, we the undersigned, ask this Council to write to Welsh Government to support our request to First Minister Mark Drakeford, for an Independent Public Enquiry on the Ty Llwyd quarry. For your information in support of our notice of motion, we attach a copy of the letter we have sent and detail below a summary of the reasons why we are making this request.

1. Consultants SKM and ALS (among others) investigations, has shown the presence of industrial dangerous chemicals even 50 years after there were dumped. CCBC are responsible for the site. NRW have said they are dissatisfied with the sampling of toxic material by CCBC.
2. CCBC's recent management decisions have resulted in considerable work and expenditure without any remediation of the outbreaks of leachate and accompanying noxious fumes at Ty Llwyd quarry. We ask whether this system of managing leachate is fit for purpose as in heavy rainfall leachate still overflows into the Pantyffynnon Woodland and beyond – potentially into the two local Rivers: Sirhowy and Ebbw.
3. The waste was buried in steel containers. No current investigation has been carried out on the state of the containers carrying the dangerous waste material.
4. No current investigation has been carried out on existing aquifers which it is now apparent that water containing leachate can partially divert towards the Sirhowy and Ebbw Rivers. Do we have current data on the impact to wildlife in our rivers?
5. Despite requests to CCBC, the extent of the waste below the ground is still not marked on maps. Drawings/plans have also been requested from the council on recent improvements at the quarry, which took place in January 2023, but we have not been received them.
6. Recently a similar quarry Brofiscin in South Wales has been designated a contaminated site and Monsanto/BP/Veolia have agreed to pay for a clean-up.

7. For safety reasons we request the landowners (CCBC) designate Ty Llwyd quarry and Pantyffynnon Woodland, Contaminated Land, as outlined under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.



Councillor Jan Jones



Councillor Janine Reed