



Caerphilly LAF meeting Land Management update 28/07/23

NRW Attendees:

Sarah Tindal (ST) Senior Officer SE People & Places
Robert Campbell (RC) Senior Officer SE Land Management

NRW Apologies:

Nil

Standard NRW update:

1. NRW Actions from the previous meeting (see below):

2. Updates from NRW:

a. SE Land Management:

- RC: We have been dealing with a lot of wildfires across South Wales and in our patch over the past couple of months which is a huge drain on staff resources and time, close cooperation with South Wales Fire & Rescue Service continues to support their operations.
- Woodland creation project: Land has been purchased at Bovil Farm in Machan, we are developing our plans for the site and we will be looking to work with the local community potentially on some projects including tree planning and other opportunities on the site in the future. We will also be asking the LAF for assistance in the near future.
- Normal work program under way, Ash die back clearance is still a key priority and continues. We are also trying to keep PROW's clear as best we can across the patch, please keep reporting issues, please use out SE Team e mail:

coedwigoeddannaturdeddwyrain@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

forestsandnaturesoutheast@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

For non 999 (Emergency) urgent or out of hrs incidents / reports use the ICC:

0300 065 3000 (24/7) To enable us to deal with your report as quickly as possible, please provide the following details:

Where is/was the incident taking place? Please provide a grid reference, if possible, for example, NT 252 735. Otherwise, you should provide accurate directions / descriptions of the location
What is/was happening?
Who is/was responsible for the incident?
When did the incident take place?

[Natural Resources Wales / Report an incident](#)

- Reporting off-road vehicles: contact@gwent.pnn.police.uk Call 101 @gwentpolice
- RC: Geminie Drinkwaters project in regard PROW's has finished and she is currently handing that work over to the team.

b. Forest Operations update:

- RC: Coupes have been sold in The Darren, West End & Llanbradach and are due to start after the bird nesting season so late July / Aug 23.
- RC: Wylie on pause currently, No recommencement date currently.
- Sustrans route 47, work will commence next week to remove the identified trees that are close to the route that have been causing issues over recent weeks.
- RC: You can keep up to date with all our operations & maps on the website here:

[Caerphilly larch felling operations - Natural Resources Wales Citizen Space - Citizen Space \(cyfoethnaturiol.cymru\)](http://Caerphilly.larch.felling.operations - Natural Resources Wales Citizen Space - Citizen Space (cyfoethnaturiol.cymru))

- If you have any issues on any of our sites, contact the Forest Operations Team direct on:

SEForest.operations@naturalresources.wales

c. Integrated Engineering: Forest Road repairs ongoing across the area.

d. Other requests for information:

- Request for an update on pollution / water quality in our rivers?
RC: This topic is out of my direct area of responsibility (WGWE Land Management) however there is general information on the NRW website here:

Natural Resources Wales / Search / river water quality

If there is a specific question with more detail, please let me know and I will pass it on internally for a response of you can do it now by contacting NRW directly here:

Natural Resources Wales / General enquiries

3. Reported public Accidents & near misses:

- a. RC: Non to date.

4. Issues:

RC: wildfire risk still prevalent across the area with many areas of Wales currently still in a 'High' risk status on the Met Office Fire Severity index, link [HERE](#).

5. Major Events/ permissions affecting Access:

- b. RC: Discuss with the LAF relevance of this information.

Action points from meetings:

Serial & Type -Action -Decision -Note -Point	Owner	Subject:	Completed (if required)
Action	RC	Forward Off-road leaflet to LAF group	Done via e-mail

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