



FLOOD UPDATE

1. Correspondence from Tonia (tonia.antoniazzi.mp@parliament.uk)

Tonia has received multiple reports about the severe nature of this issue.

Tonia has been in contact with the Cabinet Member Andrew Stevens (his portfolio covers this issue) and is arranging a site visit to include, herself, Cllr. Stevens and officers from the Council.

Once I have any further information I will of course update you.

2. Correspondence from Rebecca Evans's office (Rebecca.Evans@assembly.wales)

Thank you for your email to Rebecca. We recently wrote to the Council to raise concerns about flooding in this area, please see the response we received below:

"Dear Rebecca

Thank you for the email in relation to the highway flooding that has been experienced in the Llandewi/Burry areas, South Gower.

The Authority is currently in the process of developing the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and Risk Management Plan which will set out how we prioritise our actions over the next 6 years to reduce risk to people, property and key infrastructure in areas most at risk.

With regards to the ongoing flooding problems at this location as seen over the festive break I will request that further investigation is proposed for this large rural catchment as we consider all areas in Swansea where our most affected communities are being impacted by extreme flooding events.

Unfortunately, there will be no quick resolution to this particular problem as the we can only take reasonably practicable measures to keep the road open with works which have included in the past; raising the road, improvements to the drainage infrastructure and also the introduction of an annual maintenance regime undertaken on the ditches and culverts serving the local area in order to ensure the maximum capacity of the drainage features serving this area are achieved. However, the existing road drainage and local drainage systems simply do not have the capacity to deal with extreme storm events as a result of climate change and this is exacerbated

especially as the rural catchment becomes totally saturated resulting in significant surface water run-off which uses the road for conveyance as an overland flood route.

Consequently, within the scope of the Flood risk Management Plan I will request that an hydrology study is stipulated as an action for this area which will in itself inform future measures for the Authority to consider for Llandewi, as there will be a need to understand the flooding problem in greater detail so that as an Authority, we can introduce plans to either manage the risk more effectively or consider solutions should they be affordable.

However, the success of the flood risk plan and actions which are proposed will rely on available funding."

3. Members of RCC will be attending the **Community & Town Councils Forum, Monday, 4 March 2024, 5.00 pm** at which the key agenda item is a presentation: Ensuring a Resilient Swansea for the Future - How understanding the effects of climate change on the communities of Swansea will enable us to plan for a better future. We will take the opportunity to share the recent experiences of the Rhossili and Port Eynon communities.

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