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Independent Water Commission

The Westminster and Welsh Governments have introduced an Independent Water Commission in the largest review of the sector since privatisation. This will mean strengthened regulation and clear reform to make Britain's rivers and seas cleaner.

Welsh Water released sewage into rivers, lakes and the sea around Wales for almost 600,000 hours last year, data shows. This accounts for more than 25% of all hours of discharges into waterways across Wales and England. Natural Resources Wales has confirmed that work to prevent regular discharges of untreated sewage into the River Tawe from Trebanos Wastewater Treatment Works is not likely to be completed until 2030.

This is not acceptable and I will continue to press for urgent action.



Housing Crisis

We all know that we face a Housing Crisis in Wales, and we must seek out innovative ways of meeting this crisis. Other European Countries have developed significant Cooperative Housing sectors which provide high quality properties owned and managed by their tenants.

Cooperative Housing offers an alternative way of supplying social housing; one where people own a share of their buildings and where they have control of the scheme. It is very popular in many countries including Scandinavia and in the USA where there is a thriving community housing sector in New York.

I am pleased the Welsh Government is investing in the Sector and I look forward to the outcome of the work done by Cwmpas to support the Cooperative Housing Sector.

I will continue to call for a large expansion of the number of Cooperative Housing Schemes in Wales.'

ROAD SAFETY

Roads in Wales were safer this Spring compared to last, according to the latest road collision statistics. Collisions and casualties on 20mph and 30mph roads have fallen by almost 1/4 compared to the same time in 2023- the lowest recorded outside of the Covid 19 pandemic.

It is obvious that slower traffic will generate less accidents and less seriously accidents. There does need to be a review of speed limit reduction on arterial roads such as Llangyfelach Road.



WARM SPACE SUPPORT

£1.5M is being provided to support and expand safe and warm hubs across Wales. These hubs provide spaces for people of all ages to socialise, access services and advice. Over 850 spaces have already been created, supporting 117,000 people to date.

Articles

28th October- article on toilets- Nation Cymru

The importance of publicly available toilets, not only for the elderly and children but also for pregnant women and people with health problems like Crohn's disease and prostate cancer.

3rd November – Nation Cymru NHS dentistry should be available to everyone in Wales

The article looks at dentistry provision in West Glamorgan and what needs to be done to get the dental contract to work for patients, dentists and the Welsh Government.

31st October -Welsh Fabians Improving the Welsh economy

How we can improve the Welsh economy by working with Welsh Universities in developing, ICT and life science companies, Also the need for more Westminster Government civil service jobs to come to Wales



PANCREATIC CANCER SUPPORT

I fully support Pancreatic Cancer UK on the work they have done alongside pancreatic cancer experts to develop a consensus on what good care looks like for people with pancreatic cancer. I support the optimal care pathway that has been developed, which sets out what should happen on diagnosis, treatment, and care.

Pancreatic cancer is one of those cancers that is difficult to detect. It is not unique in this; other difficult-to-detect cancers include kidney, ovarian, brain tumours and liver cancer. Because of its location being surrounded and obscured by internal organs, it means that pancreatic tumours are impossible to see or feel during a routine medical examination. Making diagnosis even more difficult is the fact that, in its initial stages, pancreatic cancer is a so-called silent disease and causes no symptoms. There is a need for those suffering from pancreatic cancer to have a faster, fairer, funded pathway through diagnosis, treatment, and care. People with pancreatic cancer need to be treated immediately. Half the people identified with pancreatic cancer die within three months of diagnosis, because diagnosis normally happens at stage 4. We need specialist pancreatic cancer roles in each health board, so that everyone gets advice, care, and support from dedicated experts from the day of diagnosis.

One of the problems with pancreatic cancer is that the symptoms — jaundice, yellow eyes, itchy skin, changes to stool and urine, digestive issues, weight loss, abdominal or back pain, blood clots in legs or lungs or a sudden onset of diabetes — could indicate many other conditions. In fact, I am sure that many reading this can identify some of these symptoms can identify with having one of them at any time. Yellow eyes, itchy skin, persistent stomach pain and weight loss should not be taken lightly, as these symptoms are the most likely to indicate pancreatic cancer.

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VISITS & SURGERIES

SPORT

Morrison AFC v South Gower
Cwm Albion Football
Morrison Rugby

SCHOOLS

Glyncollen Primary School
Ynystawe Primary School
Plasmal Primary School
Ysgol Tan-T-Lan
Gwyrssyd Primary School

VISITS AND MEETINGS

Canal Society opening of loch
Met local Dental Committee
Met Parkway Dental Practice
SBU Health Briefing
Met Swansea Supply Teachers
Show Racism the Red Card
WJEC Briefing
Friends of the Earth

SURGERIES

Morrison Library
Penlan Library
Hafod Primary School

MONTHLY ADVICE SURGERIES

1st Friday – Brynhyfryd Library 3-4pm
2nd Friday – Morrison Library 3-4pm
3rd Friday – Penlan Library 2-3 pm
4th Thursday – St Thomas Library 3-3.30pm
4th Friday – Llansamlet Library 3-4pm