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Dear All,

Re: Managing flood risk in Porthmadog, Tremadog and river Glaslyn catchment

This winter's periods of heavy rainfall show us, once again, that the way flood risk is managed is a constant concern for many communities in Wales, including Porthmadog, Tremadog and the Glaslyn river catchment.

Building on many years of work in the area, we are now redoubling our efforts to find sustainable ways to manage the long-term flood risk within your community.

Key to doing this is working closely with everyone in the local community. Your input will be vital so that plans take full account of your local knowledge, concerns, ideas and aspirations. Partnership is at the heart of the approach we want to take.

As a first step, we would like to hear from you about your experiences of flooding over the years.

During this challenging time of the Coronavirus pandemic, when we can't meet face-to-face, we can start the conversation with you by phone, email or web meeting – whatever suits you as an individual or group.

Why do we need to look at Porthmadog, Tremadog and river Glaslyn catchment?

As the climate changes, it is anticipated that this area - like many other coastal communities across Wales - will face more frequent storms and heavy rain as well as rising sea levels.

Maintaining the current level of flood protection is a challenge, which we need to review together, given the low-lying land, aging flood defences and taking account of the area's important natural habitats and historic features.

What is the flood risk?

We are currently updating the flood risk model for the Y Cyt and Glaslyn river catchments, giving us the latest understanding of current and future flood risk.

As part of updating these models, we have re-inspected and re-surveyed the area's flood defences and calculated peak river flows.

The outputs from this study, available in late Spring 2021, will be shared with everyone, explaining what this means for the community.

How to work together?

We are eager to discuss this work with you, the people who know this area better than anyone.

As a start, please get in touch to share your experience of flooding and give your initial views and ideas about managing flood risk for the future.

Please send your comments and enquiries to this email address:

Porthmadog.floodrisk@naturalresources.wales

Or you can speak to us on the phone by contacting Sharon Parry, Project Team Support Officer (Welsh Speaker) on 03000 65 5264.

Sharon can arrange for you to discuss the work with our Project Manager, Andrew Basford (Welsh learner) or Project Senior User/ Senior Engineer, John Meirion Davies (Welsh speaker).

If you would like Andrew or John to join your group through an online meeting, Sharon can organise that too.

More background available on our website

www.naturalresources.wales/porthmadogfloodrisk

What happens after I get in touch?

We will collate your responses and use them to help shape the next steps.

In time, when it is safe to do so, we will hold drop-in sessions in the town to share all your comments and feedback and allow further opportunities for discussion.

To keep updated on progress with this project, please visit our website

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Yours Sincerely



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