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Dear Neath-Port Talbot Council Public Officials,

Our ref: 20211007A-LE-RREL-NPTC-planning.committee.video

The following information refers to a YouTube video soon to be uploaded for public viewing that reaches the following conclusion:

Suzanne Paddison, the Chair Person of the Planning Committee has known since May 2020 that planning Department corruption has potentially caused the deaths of Glynneath residents. She is covering up information that has provided evidence of this to the council. The sole purpose of the council is to prevent such occurrences and as such they should support those people who have identified such possibilities or they should provide counter evidence to refute any allegations. In her role as a Neath-Port Talbot Council Councillor and chair person of the planning committee she has not acted with:

A DUTY OF CARE TO GLYNNEATH RESIDENTS

She has not: UNDERTAKEN DUE DILIGENCE TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

And she has not

TAKEN THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO SAFEGUARD GLYNNEATH RESIDENTS

Instead she is SUPPORTING THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE CORPORATE MANSLAUGHTER & HOMICIDE OF GLYNNEATH RESIDENTS

The video can be found by searching You-Tube for:

**NEATH-PORT TALBOT COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE CORRUPTION GLYNNEATH CONTAMINATION**

The reason why the information provided to you is contained in a video and not in hard copy paper format is because it contains verbal representations at the planning committee meeting of 8/9/2020.

This letter is sent to you so that you have the opportunity to provide counter evidence to that presented in the video or to undertake an investigation into this allegation. We would also extend to you the opportunity to be interviewed by a member of our team for inclusion in the video which we will be happy to remove and re-edit to include your response.

The video is also linked to YouTube from the Rugby Relics Ltd owned website [www.walk-around-wales.com](http://www.walk-around-wales.com). This website includes more information relating to the "*Glynneath Contamination Corporate Manslaughter & Social Murders Corruption Coalition*" which includes members of the council, some of whom are copied into this communication.

The video is uploaded in response to the NPTC value as stated in the NPTC Corporate Plan.

*"We will be open to challenge and will promote a culture of learning and innovation throughout our organisation"*

The video also draws its inspiration from the remaining 'purpose, vision and values of the Neath-Port Talbot County Borough Council which are:

*Our Purpose: Neath Port Talbot Council exists to serve and represent the interests of its citizens and communities. We strive to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of all of our people.*

*Our Vision: We want our county borough to be a place where everyone has an equal chance to get on in life – a place where people want to live, learn and work and bring up their family.*

*We want our beautiful natural environment, and our rich cultural and industrial heritage to be appreciated and protected for many future generations to enjoy.*

*We also want to pursue new and existing opportunities for economic growth so we can sustain our diverse communities for many years to come.*

*Our Values: We will stand up for our citizens and our communities, advocating for the needs and aspirations of our people in every aspect of our work.*

*We will listen to our citizens, our workforce and our many partners and seek ways to meaningfully involve people in our work.*

*We will celebrate diversity in all of its forms and work tirelessly for greater equality in all of our communities.*

*We will conduct the work of the Council in an open and accessible way, ensuring we are properly accountable for the decisions we make.*

*We will make the best use of all resources available to us.*

*We will further strengthen the bonds of collaboration, working with others – including the voluntary, statutory and private sectors to benefit our citizens and communities.*

Please note that this communication is not a complaint, it should be regarded as a comment on the authority's services, and is sent to you in line with the authority's complaints process and the correct response to this communication in line with this process should be:

*"In each case the employee receiving the comment will need to thank the member of the public for taking the trouble to express their views, describe how it will be dealt with if further action is required and then refer the comment on, if appropriate."*

I trust this letter finds you well and I look forward to your **documented** response in due course.

Regards - David Richards

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## TEXT FROM VIDEO

### NEATH-PORT TALBOT COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE CORRUPTION GLYNNEATH CONTAMINATION

This video shows how the Planning Committee malpractice has enabled the Planning Department at Neath-Port Talbot Council to place Glynneath resident's lives in danger, causing deaths from a rare neurodegenerative disorder and almost certainly commit the UK law offence Corporate Manslaughter.

### NEATH-PORT TALBOT COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE CORRUPTION - GLYNNEATH CONTAMINATION

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION

This video is about public officials and information that is contained in the video can be found in the public domain. This video is about public officials and their actions while working in their role as a public official. Or the video is about a topic that is relevant to the public figures that are featured in this video. It is intended for analysis, criticism of the official and/or a featured subject and also to provide additional links of communication between the public and the relevant public figures. This may be because traditional links have failed, or are not available because of other reasons such as global pandemics, or the refusal of a public official to communicate with a member of the public in line with their public duty. The relevant supporting evidence to this video and other information can be found by following the relevant links on [www.walk-around-wales.com](http://www.walk-around-wales.com).

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In this video we see how the chair person of the Neath-Port Talbot Council Planning Committee Suzanne Paddison is covering up evidence of Planning Department malpractice supplied to the planning committee which is relevant to her role as a Neath-Port Talbot Council Councillor and chair person of this committee. The Planning Department malpractice has almost certainly caused the death of Glynneath residents and so it must be accepted that unless evidence can be provided by Neath-Port Talbot Council then the deaths must be considered unlawful killing as defined by the offence Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007.

(written 3 July 2021) - A recent report submitted to Natural Resources Wales shows that 20% of properties that have long term occupancy in a Glynneath Street bordering a landfill site have had a family member die from a rare neurodegenerative disorder in the last 5 years. This is approximately 112 times the national average\*\*.

The report shows that the probable cause of these deaths is malpractice identified in the Neath-Port Talbot Council planning department archives that breached the 1990 Environmental Protection Act and has placed Glynneath residents in danger from identified but untreated contamination from that date.

Suzanne Paddison is the chair of the planning committee, she has overseen the cover up of information presented to the Neath-Port Talbot Council and planning committee that provided evidence that the Neath-Port Talbot Council planning Department worked with the Cuddy Group and together they breached the 1990 Environmental Protection Act in a series of actions between 2008 and 2010.

After methods of deception and blocking tactics were used by the planning department in relation to previously identified contamination at the development, we suggested to the former Neath-Port Talbot Council Leader Rob Jones on 19 April 2020 by email that the council had breached the 1990 Environmental Protection Act..

The Council Leader replied to our email, stating that he would pass this information on to be included in the planning application report.

On the 15 May 2020 we copied the chair of the Planning Committee to an email that provided a more extensive analysis of how Neath-Port Talbot Council breached the 1990 Environmental Protection Act and identified that this was because of Planning Department malpractice/misconduct.

The Council Leader replied to us on the same day and copied the Planning Committee Chair to the same email. From this point onwards, the chair and vice-chair of the Planning Committee along with the Glynneath Councillors Simon Knoyle and Del Morgan would have been aware of the process that led to contamination being hidden at the Heol y Glyn landfill site.

To understand why this is relevant we should refer to the purpose of the council and the reason why we pay our council tax:

Neath Port Talbot Council exists to serve and represent the interests of its citizens and communities. We strive to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of all of our people.

Quite simply Neath-Port Talbot Council exists to support the people who live in Neath-Port Talbot and for no other reason. And the role of the Neath-Port Talbot Council councillor as defined by the council website is.....

Local Councillors are elected by the community to decide how the council should carry out its various activities. They represent public interest as well as individuals living within the ward in which he or she has been elected to serve a term of office.

The role of an elected councillor on the planning committee is to represent the public interest. The public interest in this instance I would suggest being the 39 properties belonging to Glynneath residents who have objected to a planning application mostly on the grounds that they are aware of toxic waste having been dumped in an area next to where they are living and of potential flooding from the tunnelling of a stream. To refer once more to the Neath-Port Talbot Council purpose for its existence.

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If we refer then to the Planning Committee meeting on 8 Sep 2020. Four days previous to the planning committee meeting, we identified that the information we had provided the Council Leader, the chair and vice chair of the planning committee along with Glynneath Councillors Morgan & Knoyle in April and May 2020 was not included in the relevant documentation for the meeting. We had provided information that the 1990 Environmental Protection Act had been breached in a previous planning application for the same development and this information was missing from the documentation that was supplied by the Planning Department to the Planning Committee.

We then prepared a draft document with the title "Council of Death" which the planning committee received on the Monday prior to the meeting. We used the term 'Council of Death?' to highlight the seriousness of our concerns.

The reason we submitted the report to the council was included in the introduction on the front page of the report, it allowed Neath-Port Talbot Council the opportunity to provide counter evidence to that included in the document.

"This report is being submitted to the members of the Neath-Port Talbot Council

for the verification of information and the opportunity to provide counter evidence to the information and allegations made in this document."

The complete document can be found on our YouTube Channel - Walk Around Wales by searching for the term

## NEATH-PORT TALBOT COUNCIL OF DEATH? DOCUMENT

In the opening address to the meeting, the chair person mentioned that all members of the committee had received the document and that it was too late for the information to be included in the meeting.

video segment from Planning Committee meeting 8/9/2020 - chair "you will all be aware" provides evidence that all members of the Planning Committee had received a document that included information about the NPTC EPA 1990 breach 2008-2010.

However, if we refer to the reply from the Council Leader on 20 April 2020.

"I acknowledge receipt of your email and will pass it to the relevant officers to be included in the planning applications report."

You will see that Nicola Lake who wrote the application report is included in the reply together with Steve Ball who made the application presentation in the meeting, along with Glynneath Councillors Simon Knoyle and Del Morgan who were all copied to this email.

The Planning Committee chair along with Councillor's Sean Pursey (vice-chair planning committee), Del Morgan & Simon Knoyle, (Glynneath) were copied to the reply from the Council Leader on 19 May 2020.

On the 20 August 2020, we submitted 21 objections against the development to the planning department for inclusion in the Planning Committee meeting on 8 September 2020. Each objection included information that outlined the process of the 1990 Environmental Protection Act breach by the Neath-Port Talbot Council and mentioned specifically that the Cuddy Group had bypassed the remediation of the contaminated land process between 2008 and 2010.

To summarise the 1990 Environmental Protection Act breach information was:

passed on to the planning department by the Council Leader in April 2020,

Supplied to the planning committee chair and vice chair in May 2020 by our group and the Council Leader.

Supplied to the planning department in 21 objections on 20 August 2020

If we refer to what the planning department representative, Steve Ball, advises the planning committee during the meeting that all our concerns had been summarised on pages 10 to 14 of the meeting documentation. We will see that the document failed to mention our concern for the breach of the 1990 Environmental Protection Act that endangered the lives of Glynneath residents. Also missing was information relating to how the Act was breached. If we listen to what Steve Ball said:

## Steve Ball video segment from Planning Committee meeting 8/9/2020

These communications provide evidence that the information relating to the breach of the 1990 Environmental Protection Act should have been included in the planning application report for that meeting.

The Council allowed me 5 minutes to speak at the Planning Committee meeting on 8 Sep 2020. If we refer to the protocol of speaking at the planning committee meeting, we will see that I have every right to talk about contamination, incidents within the planning process and the Planning Department malpractice. As such my comments should have been noted.

video segment from Planning Committee meeting 8/9/2020 - Dai Richards informing Planning Committee of 1990 Environmental Protection Act breach that has placed the lives of Glynneath residents at risk.

The chair person of the planning committee stated after Dai Richards representation that she:

"had been very open on my comments and I would like to say that they are your own personal opinions rather than anything else."

video segment from Planning Committee meeting 8/9/2020 - chair stating Dai Richards representation was only a 'personal opinion' see above.

This would indicate that the chair of the planning committee discounted my representation, referencing it as personal opinions, whereas I stated during my presentation that I was representing the combined knowledge of around 30 council tax payers in the immediate area to the development, who had asked me to represent them in the planning process for this application. Most had lived in the area for the majority of their lives.

If we refer to what I actually said during the meeting about the developer Enzo Homes.....

video segment from Planning Committee meeting 8/9/2020 - Planning Committee Chair introduction and Dai Richards about the developer Enzo Homes

The opinion of our group was that Enzo had a history of breaking the law and that he lacked integrity, that he would be happy to move on leaving other people to deal with subsidence and flooding problems caused by the development.

Seven weeks later Enzo was stopped from working on the site because he broke 14 of the conditions set by the planning committee in the meeting of 8 September 2020. But not before moving contaminated land towards the houses in Woodland Park and lower Brynhyfryd.

If we look at the area of testing from a document submitted to the Planning Department recently and an actual image of that area at about the time of testing in October 2020, we can see that the surface is of loose soil that has recently been moved, from the central spoil heap, towards the houses in Woodland Park and Brynhyfryd, in an attempt to create a more uniform gradient. If we then refer to the image that shows the testing last October we will see that an above safe level of dangerous chemicals has been exposed during the moving of the soil, and if we look at the depth of these harmful chemicals we will see that they are mainly in the top layer of the soil. The top layer as we can see is soil recently moved from the spoil heap. The actions of the developer have exposed Glynneath residents to toxic waste and we will potentially see an increase in cancer and neurodegenerative disorders in the surrounding area over the next few years. Our groups warning about Enzo was not heeded and Glynneath residents living next to the development have been exposed again to a

cocktail of dangerous chemicals, their lives have been placed in danger as a result of planning committee malpractice.

If you listen carefully to our group's opinions during the meeting about numbers 2 to 8 Brynhyfryd and you will note specifically that number 2 Brynhyfryd is mentioned and please note also our group's opinions too about the blockage of the tunnel.

video segment from Planning Committee meeting 8/9/20202 - Dai Richards warning about Enzo's actions.

The reason we show this is because 11 weeks later, number 2 Brynhyfryd is flooded after the tunnel is blocked by Enzo's negligent actions. A young family had just moved in to the house and this is the second time they have been flooded in the first week in which they had lived in the house. It should also be noted that a percentage of the water has flowed into the stream flooding this property from the site and so it contains a percentage of contaminated slurry. This is the week before Christmas and the young family have a young baby who was born prematurely and so would be vulnerable to toxic waste.

The opinions of our group it would seem have merit, this is because as stated, I was representing the residents who have lived next to the 'tip' for most of their lives and who have an understanding of the site history that is second to none. I refer now, to the in depth well researched document titled "Council of Death" that was submitted to the Planning Committee and should have been accepted as a relevant document to have been discussed by planning committee.

I refer to the section of the document where we have identified specific safety issues hidden by the Planning Department in a geo-technical report submitted to the council and to collated public health information from our group:

"The report advised that dust suppression and a boundary fence were necessary to keep the contaminants from affecting local residents, but since this report was withdrawn and the contamination left un-remediated, dust and vapours have been regularly blown towards the houses of residents living next to the site while the Cuddy Group tipped industrial waste. This dust has affected the health of some residents, several of whom have asthma, there are also incidences of children born with mutations and young adults dying from cancer."

If we refer to the report recently submitted to Natural Resources Wales and featured earlier in this video we will see that a member of our group has passed away since the committee meeting from a rare neurodegenerative disorder. So rare in fact that only 2 such deaths should occur in the whole of Glynneath which has a population of just under 5000 in a period of 40 years. However, 2 such deaths have occurred within a group of 5 houses at the closest area next to the development in a period of two years. These deaths can be linked to the contaminant arsenic which was hidden at the site 2008-2010 as identified in our "Council of Death" document.

Whilst our 'Council of Death?' document was put together reasonably quickly, the research into its contents had been extensive and over a period of 6 months. As stated in our representation to the committee, the planning chair person Suzanne Paddison and committee were made aware of the 1990 Environmental Protection Act breach and as such the planning committee should have at least discussed the subject or undertaken due diligence and investigated the information contained in this document at a later date.

A couple of days after the meeting we forwarded the May email to the planning chair and vice-chair who then referred it to the Head of Planning, Ceri Morris and on 25 October 2020 our communication

was again referred to the Head of Planning and Public Protection Ceri Morris when we requested that every member of the planning committee answer the following questions in relation to the "Council of Death" document received:

Please provide a detailed log of the due diligence actions you have taken in respect of this information received? For example:

Did you manually check if the information contained in the document was factually correct within the planning Department records?

On 2 November we received a reply from the Head of Planning and Public Protection Ceri Morris, who suggested that our concern for the lives of our families was unreasonable. To date, no counter evidence has been submitted by the council and if you refer to the following YouTube videos you will see how Ceri Morris, the Head of Planning and Public Protection clearly misrepresents the role of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in the planning process and how Steve Ball misrepresents the role of Natural Resources Wales in relation to the tipping of industrial waste at the development. These public officials are clearly corrupt and they are being supported by the elected members of the Neath-Port Talbot Council.

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