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27 January 2022 at 12:24

To: cllr.s.k.hunt@npt.gov.uk, Jennifer Roberts <jeniroids@googlemail.com>

Steve -

I must say, I am more than disappointed by your response. I would suggest that you re-consider your position based upon the following information

On 13 October 2021 I said: "It is your job as the chairman of scrutiny committee to investigate such corruption that has almost certainly caused the corporate manslaughter of Glynneath residents. Passing the buck to the ombudsman and the planning department will not bring back these lives and the lives of those who will die because your planning committee have allowed the planning department to bypass the remediation process again on land that has been tested as contaminated."

(you should pay particular attention to the word 'again' here because it refers to the planning approval in March 2021, P2020/0863)

On 14 October 2021 you replied with: - No problem and I will after the responses take it to my scrutiny committee if necessary depending on what they come back with

On 29 October 2021 you arranged a meeting in relation to my 13 October comment and said: The purpose of the meeting is to specifically discuss your issues as you brought them to me in my role as Chairman of Regeneration and Sustainable Development Scrutiny Committee, land contamination falls under my portfolio so my obliged if asked by any member of the public to try and find answers to their questions..... So if you bullet point once more some questions as specifically to the land contamination

On 31 October 2021 I sent you a .pdf file of the questions + additional info. The pdf basically was a print of a web page I'd built to organise the information relating to the questions. The page is live in the public domain at the address below. I sent you a link to the page with questions on and you acknowledged receipt and also stated that you had sent the link to the others at the meeting.

<http://www.walk-around-wales.com/county/npt/glynneath/enzo-development/archive/2021/10-2021/20211031S-WB-cllr-hunt-questions5.htm>

The information above is a timeline line leading up to the meeting where you presented the questions to those attending.

Where we are today is that I've informed you through the provision of relevant information that the council you work for has supported unscrupulous developers to avoid the remediation process. This happened in 2008-10, and has happened again in 2021 with the planning approval P2020/0863. The 2008-10 avoidance of the process has almost certainly caused the death of Glynneath residents and by your refusal to investigate the 2021 planning approval further, it will allow another developer to spread a contaminated spoil heap around the site releasing neurotoxins, carcinogens and mutagens into the air affecting residents around the site.

I have provided evidence of the 2008-10 avoidance to you previously in a document received by you on 7/9/2020 and I also provided you with a question which when answered truthfully will implicate your Head of Planning in a cover up of the process that has potentially led to the death of residents in Brynhyfryd. I provided you with a document relating to the Progressive Supranuclear Palsy deaths in Brynhyfryd which are almost certainly related to the chemical contamination at the site.

I have provided you with questions relating to the planning process

P2020/0863 which was approved in March 2021. Along with those questions I provided you with evidence that the land had been tested as contaminated and information was available for this planning application and that your planning department by-passed the committee process and approved the removal of 22,000 tons of contaminated spoil heap from Heol-y-Glyn marking it as inert and not contaminated as the testing had already proved. This contaminated soil will also be cut and filled and placed next to peoples houses as indicated by County Councillor Knoyle in the planning committee meeting of 8/10/2020.

I have provided you with evidence that the chemical testing relating to the current planning application P2021/0153 has been tampered with and is also missing the associated 'human health risk assessment' that should accompany the contamination report. This would indicate that the 'health of the humans' bordering the site is of secondary concern and not relevant to the development. I have provided you with questions relating to this current application

and the chemical testing.

It would seem from the last two messages received from you, that you are attempting to manipulate the information I have provided you with, it would seem with the sole purpose of supporting corrupt public officials at NPTCBC. I would like to remind you that your role as a councillor is to support the people of the county borough and the purpose of the council in general is:

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."

and one of the values of NPTCBC is

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

The above value you will see does not include the Ombudsman as an investigating authority, it says 'we', and I would take 'we' to mean public officials at NPTCBC and no-one else.

If we return to our recent correspondence, I would suggest that the previous two messages show that you are no longer impartial and have sided with 'evil' rather than 'good', this would suggest that you are happy that people may die because of the decisions you have made previously as a member of the planning committee and now as the Chair of the relevant scrutiny committee. I would also suggest that this is an error of judgement on your part that can be easily rectified by following the process we discussed and agreed upon early on in our communication exchange. That is, if the public officials you have met with refuse to answer the questions I provided, you take those questions to the scrutiny panel/committee and ask them there. There is also the option of PIDA 1998 which I have previously mentioned.

My position now is that I have placed you back on my confirmed 'corrupt public official' target list until you make at least one positive action in relation to the safety of my family and the other families which I am supporting that surround the Heol-y-Glyn site.

My intended timeframe for the release of the above information and our complete communication chain into the public domain is as follows:

14 days - publish Walk Around Wales website & Facebook Glynneath Residents Against Contamination page

28 days - YouTube video released on Walk Around Wales channel & the following Facebook pages, Corruption at NPT Council, Rugby Relics, Walk Around Wales, Glynneath Residents Against Contamination.

May 2022 Stand for election as a NPTCBC councillor on the basis that I am fighting corruption within NPTCBC and name the corrupt public officials that I will be fighting against individually in my election leaflets which as you well know is a legal document on which the truth must be told.

If we reach this stage I would suggest that one of us will be going to prison, and I would suggest that the 'one of us' won't be me.

regards - Dai Richards (Rugby Relics Ltd) on behalf of East Glynneath Residents Against Contamination.

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27 January 2022 at 12:38

To: Dai Richards <dairichardswales@gmail.com>, Jennifer Roberts <jenirops@googlemail.com>

Thanks for this information once more , I will attempt to get them all answered for you, but most certainly get a response from the Director of the Environment , Nicola Pearce and other appropriate officers , thanks Steve.

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27 January 2022 at 12:42

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I have forwarded your questions once more to the relevant officers for their attention, thanks Steve.

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Cllr. Steve Hunt <cllr.s.k.hunt@npt.gov.uk>

31 January 2022 at 09:24

To: Dai Richards <dairichardswales@gmail.com>, "Cllr. Steve Hunt" <cllr.s.k.hunt@npt.gov.uk>

Dear Mr Richards

Further to your recent correspondence of the 28th January 2022, I would confirm I have raised your queries to officers of the Council's Environment Directorate and met with them to discuss the points raised.

I have now had a response from the Council's Head of Planning and Public Protection providing me with some further clarity, and I set out below their response to me:

As advised when we met, we are firmly of the belief that we have adequately responded to the issues raised by Mr Richards and advised him on the process which will be followed to address any issues – i.e. through the planning process. Mr Richards has also been advised where he can make a formal complaint so that these matters can be fairly and properly investigated by an independent external source should he wish.

We do of course take our responsibilities with regards to ground contamination with the utmost seriousness. The very serious allegations made by Mr Richards, both in the past and currently, are clearly based on a fundamental misunderstanding of the role of the planning process on remediating contaminated land. Mr Richards has been advised that the obligations under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 no longer apply when a site is going through the planning process. Accordingly, the Council has not, at any point, contravened its duties under this legislation as it is not relevant once the planning process has commenced. Notwithstanding this point, the Council is required to address land contamination, in line with guidance, to ensure sites are safe and suitable for use after development has been completed.

In respect of the current planning status of the Heol Y Glyn site, you will of course be aware that planning permission was granted on 14th September 2020 (ref. P2020/0195) and subsequently varied under application ref. P2020/0863 (granted 16th March 2021). Officers are continuing to engage with agents on behalf of the developer to ensure that all conditions on the consent, notably including those relating to land contamination (i.e. Condition 36 – Desk Top Assessment and Condition 37 – Remediation Assessment), are approved to our satisfaction. In this regard, I would note that to this point, our land contamination specialists have advised that the details on the current application (Ref. P2021/0546) do not provide us with sufficient level of information to approve such details.

Specifically, the following has been reiterated and emphasised to the agent/developer:

- *An updated Preliminary Risk Assessment (also known as a 'Desk Study') is required for the whole of the site – this is a minimum requirement to help design future site investigation work and to ensure everything has been done to try and identify whether there are any contamination issues that need to be addressed. As a comprehensive desk study has not been carried out to date, the site investigation work done so far is not considered to be reliable to address any potential contamination issues.*
- *Additional Site Investigation works need to be completed and should be designed using a revised Conceptual Site Model (CSM) based off the updated Desk Study – the works will need to be broad enough to characterise the whole site and after the Site Investigation is completed the CSM should be refined using the new site data.*
- *The final Risk Assessment should be detailed enough that our land contamination specialists have enough confidence to know the depth and constituents of the made ground to address any public concerns about the site. Only then can a remediation strategy be designed and implemented.*

Throughout we have been consistent with the agent/developer as to the requirements needed to discharge the above referenced conditions. Officers have provided detailed comments and a comprehensive list of additional information that they would need to be satisfied before the details of the conditions could be agreed. Furthermore, ownership of the site has recently changed hands – again, it has been emphasised to the new owners that it is in their best interests to seek to prioritise and progress matters in relation to the contaminated land conditions, bringing it to an acceptable conclusion so that the public can have a degree of confidence that development will progress and any identified contamination fully remediated.

As you will see therefore, at this stage perhaps officers have provided the assurance to me that they are looking into these issues and addressing. I understand though that you might feel this does not satisfactorily answer your concerns but you will appreciate that at this time I have been provided with all the information I am able to obtain. The specific queries you raised with me I understand have been answered in the past by officers direct to you. If you feel though that is not the case then this could be referred back to them.

I will assure you though that I will continue to monitor the position and to ensure that officers are addressing the same, both in my capacity as a Planning Committee member and as Chair of the Regeneration and Sustainable Development Scrutiny Committee.

I know from previous correspondence that you have received that suggestions have been made to referral to independent bodies who have oversight of the work of the local authority and I would strongly encourage you to make a referral to the Public Service Ombudsman in this regard regarding your concerns. They are independent from the Council and might assist in providing you with any assurance you require that the Authority has acted appropriately.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Steve Hunt.

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