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Glynneath Contamination - Progressive Supranuclear Palsy - Public Health

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Dear Public Health Wales,

This is not a complaint but I have been advised by your reception that if I was to send an email to PHW then this would be the best one and potentially you could distribute it to its correct location or treat it as a complaint as per the following information.

The purpose of this email is singular, however, the priority of actions in relation to the email are as follows:

Firstly - In the interest of openness and transparency, we would prefer to be allowed to scrutinise information being submitted to PHW by Neath-Port Talbot CAC and Natural Resources Wales for an assessment being undertaken in relation to the Heol y Glyn landfill site, as can be seen in the main body of this email.

Secondly, if you are unable to do this please can you deal with this email as a complaint against Dr Keith Read, the Public Health Director for our area (Neath-Port Talbot) in May 2021. (see below)

Firstly, we would prefer that you forward this email to the correct department within Public Health Wales dealing with the Glynneath Councillor Simon Knoyle and the PHW enquiry in relation to the Heol y Glyn landfill site in Glynneath. It is possible that he is dealing with PHW locally or through Neath-Port Talbot Council. His email address is as follows cllr.s.a.knoyle@npt.gov.uk and his phone number is 07968 386108, he may be the best person to advise you who his contact is within PHW if he is not found on your system.

INTRODUCTION

My name is David Richards and I am the author of a report about a cluster of the rare neurodegenerative disorder, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy that has occurred in my street. The report was commissioned by a group of residents living next to an unsupervised landfill site. Two of our group have died recently from this rare disorder, living 4 houses apart in the closest proximity to the site in a period of 2 years, this following on from unlicensed tipping next to their homes prior to the onset of symptoms. The site was previously owned by the Cuddy Group Ltd, a former demolition contractor, that had several contracts to demolish and remediate areas of major industrial sites such as BP Llandarcy and Monsanto Chemicals in Barry. Contamination reports at the site have been ignored by our local council and the associated HUMAN HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENTS have either also been ignored and/or do not exist. The report has been published by my company Rugby Relics Ltd, and it is in my position as a director of this company that I contact you today.

(Secondly) Dr Read was informed of the occurrences by the PSP by a neurologist at UCL, Huw Morris and no action has been taken by PHW to safeguard the families surrounding the toxic waste landfill site that has caused these deaths. Potentially we may see more because of this.

I attach to this email:

1 - A copy of the PSP report

2 - an extract from a letter distributed selectively to residents within the mailing area by Councillor Simon Knoyle. Apologies for the quality of the image, I was one of those residents selected not to receive this communication and have received the image from a member of our group.

3 - The full letter for the purpose of context.

The letter was distributed by the Neath-Port Talbot County Borough and Glynneath Town Councillor, Simon Knoyle. What can be seen on the extract is a record that Councillor Knoyle has made contact with Public Health Wales and that PHW are undertaking an assessment into the site.

GLYNNEATH TOWN COUNCIL

It should be noted that I have copied both Councillor Knoyle and the Glynneath Town Council to this email along with the planning department at NPTCBC and South Wales Police, so they are aware of what I am saying in this email.

COUNCILLOR SIMON KNOYLE

Please do not trust Councillor Simon Knoyle or any information he may supply to you verbally or otherwise. He is a corrupt public official who would prefer see the residents of Glynneath die rather than admit he is wrong in previously supporting an unscrupulous developer. Councillor Knoyle also runs a construction industry consultancy. He has throughout the planning process of the development associated with the report, used methods of deception to persuade most of his fellow Glynneath Town Councillors and the public of Glynneath that the landfill site surrounding our community is safe and the chemical testing associated with the site will follow protocol. He has even physically threatened a 79 year old man who dared to challenge his opinion when he was found to be blatantly lying in public about a recent chemical testing. Councillor Knoyle is aware that 22,000 tons of potentially toxic waste has been classed as inert to avoid testing, he is using methods of deception to give residents living next to toxic waste unfounded confidence in their environment.

NEATH PORT-TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

There site has been chemically tested and found to be contaminated twice (that we are aware of.)

2008 - A HUMAN HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT accompanied the first test and showed the contaminants to be dangerous to human health This information was later withdrawn from the planning process and the ground was never tested further or remediated as required by law.

2020 - More recently a chemical test took place in October 2020 and a number of carcinogens, neurotoxins and mutagens can be found in the topmost layer of the soil well above safety guidelines. A recent planning approval by the NPTCBC planning department will allow the developer to remove this contaminated soil as inert. The HUMAN HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT that should accompany the testing is missing from this report and Councillor Knoyle's letter dated 14/2/22 fails to mention the contaminants that can be found on site or the missing HUMAN HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT. There are also several indicators that the original chemical test report has been tampered with and the Head of Planning and Public Protection at NPTCBC has been refusing to answer questions asked by the Chair of the relevant Council Scrutiny Committee in relation to this test and missing HUMAN HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT, This he has done for the last 3 months. Previous reports in relation to this planning process, notably the environmental report can be shown to have been altered after submission to the planning department.

The following videos on YouTube contain evidence of corruption within this specific planning process.

link to a YouTube video - NPTCBC Head of Planning and Public Protection, Ceri Morris, misrepresenting the 1990 Environmental Protection Act - <https://youtu.be/ZNR32GjgBqM>

link to a YouTube video - NPTCBC Development Manager, Steve Ball misrepresenting the role of NRW in the planning process. <https://youtu.be/IXqYRlqN2iA>

NATURAL RESOURCES WALES

Natural Resources Wales are referring all instances of NPTCBC corruption back to NPTCBC, they have refused to investigate eyewitness reports of the tipping of barrels of what is believed to be toxic waste on the site stating that it is too expensive to undertake excavations. NPTCBC on the other hand say this exact same area is inert and can be removed from the site without being tested and also moved closer to the homes surrounding the site to fill in a stream and raise the land levels accordingly.

PUBLIC HEALTH WALES

Councillor Knoyle and Councillor Del Morgan, his co-borough councillor have undertaken corrupt activities and hidden contamination information relating to the site since October 2020.

Public Health Wales, have been approached by Councillor Knoyle (potentially with my PSP report) and dealt with him. It is therefore, highly likely that he has attempted to deceive you to support his personal political corrupt activities. I base this on the majority of official communications made by Councillor Knoyle in relation to the planning process, and would suggest that in relation to the land in question surrounding our homes, you have now been made accountable by Simon Knoyle to produce a balanced, honest report in relation to the site. To avoid any future comebacks on Public Health Wales we ask please that in relation to this report you allow openness and transparency prior to the report being published.

OPENNESS & TRANSPARENCY

Further to Councillor Knoyle's letter in which he states that

"I was told that they (PHW) 'are in contact with officers at NPT and NRW and are compiling site details and reports to inform their assessment'. I am waiting further details to follow in reply from Public Health Wales"

I have previously stated that in relation to this case (Heol y Glyn Development, Glynneath), the following organisations Neath-Port Talbot County Borough Council & Natural Resources Wales have acted corruptly. That is, they have not followed the rules and regulations and/or the guidance for their organisation in relation to contaminated land. As such I would suggest that any information they provide you with is potentially false and/or incorrect.

I WOULD REQUEST THE FOLLOWING PLEASE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH WALES IN SUPPORT OF THE RESIDENTS OF GLYNNEATH WHOM I REPRESENT

1. All communication with public officials from the following organisations be recorded, for example face to face (video recorded), telephone (recorded), email, written letter etc. (Glynneath Town Council, NPTCBC & NRW) and made available for public scrutiny.
2. Public Health Wales allow myself and my team (to include 2 chemistry PhD academics and a Health and Safety specialist) to scrutinise any communication or information provided to PHW by NPTCBC and NRW prior to including such information in a final report.
3. PHW copy us into any relevant communication with NPTCBC & NRW.

I do hope you take on the seriousness of our concerns, people are dying here and we need support from organisations like yourselves that have integrity.

regards - David Richards on behalf of Rugby Relics Ltd, in support of the East Glynneath Residents Against Contamination

EVIDENCE PROVIDED TO PUBLIC HEALTH WALES

An image of an extract from a letter by Simon Knoyle posted to Glynneath residents dated 14/2/2022

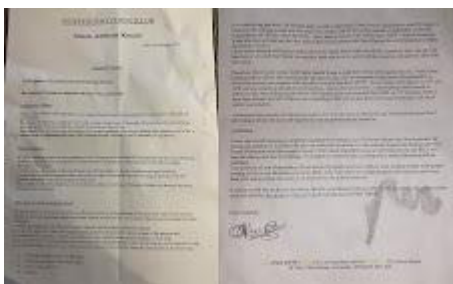
Full image of a letter by Simon Knoyle posted to Glynneath residents dated 14/2/2022

Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, PSP Cluster, Brynhyfryd, Glynneath draft report by David Richards, submitted to Natural Resources Wales and Glynneath Town Council in May 2021, submitted to Neath-Port Talbot CBC (inc Simon Knoyle) in July 2021.

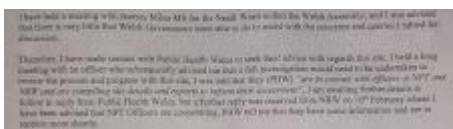
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3 attachments



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