

Llantysilio Mountain Fire

Statement from Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water Statement - for the Denbighshire County Council's Community Scrutiny Committee Meeting of 20th March 2019

During the summer of 2018 Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) faced a sustained period of hot weather with very little rain. DCWW set up a Gold and Silver response to this incident which ran from the 27th June until the 22nd August. This response was required due to multiple water supply issues across Wales and Herefordshire.

The two main areas of concern for the business in the north were Cwellyn Water Treatment Works in Waunfawr Caernarfon and Glascoed Water Treatment Works near Bodelwyddan. These two areas required continued tanker support by our Emergency Planning Logistics Team twenty four hours a day throughout this period to maintain supply for our customers.

It must be stated that no customers were affected by loss of supply in the DCWW area over this time period.

Due to this unprecedented support required over such a long period DCWW employed several contractors to assist with logistics.

As a result of this exceptional weather a series of fires broke out across Wales. DCWW were also providing support to North Wales Fire and Rescue Service (NWFRS) in several other locations including the Bethesda and Llŷn Peninsula areas.

We were initially asked for support in the Llantysilio Mountain area with water supply on the 8th August 2018.

This involved support from our North East Distribution Team in Kinmel Park Bodelwyddan with the provision of a tanker filling point in Llandegla, NGR SJ19782,51791.

This fill point was determined to be ineffective at filling the tenders in an appropriate time.

DCWW therefore provided assistance with three articulated tankers over a twenty four hour period which hold 25,000 litres each. These were used to fill fire tenders on site which allowed for a faster fill time for NWFRS.

The tankers were situated on site in Llandegla for approximately four to five days and nights. Due to the volume of water being held on site in these tankers not all of the water was used so DCWW reduced the number of tankers to two per day. The artics were dispatched at 06.00 hrs and returned to the DCWW depot at 22.00hrs and were supplied by our contractors Mansell Davies and Sons.

These tankers hold 30,000 litres each.

This support continued until they were no longer required by NWFRS on or around the 20th Aug 2018.