

LLANTYSILIO MOUNTAIN FIRE

MONITORING ACTION PLAN

ABBREVIATIONS FOR RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES / ORGANISATIONS:

DCC	Denbighshire County Council
NRW	Natural Resources Wales
NWF&RS	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
CLM	Conservation Land Managers
NW LAs	North Wales Local Authorities
NWREPS	North Wales Regional Emergency Planning Service
NWLRF	North Wales Local Resilience Forum

RECOMMENDATIONS BY NORTH WALES LOCAL RESILIENCE FORUM (NWLRF)

No	Recommendations	Responsible Agency	Lead Agency	Lead Officer	Timescale	Frequency of reporting	Progress
1	Convening of a physical or virtual Tactical Co-ordinating Group (TCG) to promote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi agency interoperability • Consistent, proactive and agreed messages to public • Daily updates from agencies • Consideration of recovery issues earlier in response phase 	All Category 1 responders					Category 1 responders regularly convene TCG meetings in response to conditions where it is necessary to coordinate and share information. The convening of these is improving and becoming more frequent as agencies

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better understanding of the technical and equipment resources for firefighting across different organisations. • Understand the stresses and impacts on personnel in the primary (NWFRS) and supporting agencies 						see the benefit of better joint working.
2	To arrange and hold a joint familiarisation session to share knowledge and experience of heathland and grassland fires. This will also gain awareness of available resources and equipment of agencies across North Wales.	DCC NRW NWF&RS					This is something the Moorland Officer can lead on (NRW)
3	More structured engagement with graziers and landowners would assist in encouraging active land management. Consider using the National Strategic Arson Reduction Board (SARB) as a method of achieving wider support and buy in for reduction of wildfire risk.	DCC NRW NWF&RS CLM Farmers Graziers					Progress will occur on appointment of Moorland Officer. NRW will be meeting one of the owners of Llantysilio Mountain and graziers during March.
4	All agencies to review NWFRS gateway control procedures to ensure safety and for the incident command unit to be informed who is present at the scene	All Agencies					No information update received from Partners

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5	NRW to review Fire Risk Index and assess the information being fed into it. Once the index has been reviewed to share with other agencies	NRW	NRW	Nia Baker			NRW local staff to take this up with Access team to see if this can be amended
6	Develop a regional wildfire plan for North Wales	NRW NWF&RS NW LAs					This is on the work plan for the NWRP Environment Group for completion by April 2020 – ongoing. The Moorland Officer may be able to develop this for Denbighshire (NRW)
7	DCC and NRW to consider what further engagement is required to address concerns of local councillors and business interests that were affected during the response phase.	DCC NRW					Progress will occur on appointment of Moorland Officer

RECOMMENDATIONS BY DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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8	That a Tactical Co-ordinating Group should be established during the early stages of responding to a major/emergency incident, such as a wildfire, in order to facilitate a single-	All Category 1 responders					Category 1 responders regularly convene TCG meetings in response to conditions where it is necessary to

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	point of contact for all agencies, those affected, press/media and public to ensure that all involved are fully briefed on the developing situation on a regular basis. The existence of this Group would aid effective handover of incident management responsibilities during shift changes. The TCG could be stood down if it became clear that it was no longer needed						coordinate and share information. The convening of these is improving and becoming more frequent as agencies see the benefit of better joint working. All responder organisations can make the call for a TCG to be formed, if they feel this is necessary
9	The development of a list of local contractors and resources to assist during emergencies with the cutting of firebreaks etc. (similar to the winter maintenance contractor list which local authorities compile on a regular basis)	DCC NWREPS NRW					Progress will occur on appointment of Moorland Officer
10	Information on how to deal with the potential loss of any telecommunications/TV/Radio masts and other crucial technology links and their immediate effect on the emergency services' response to incidents, local businesses, tourism and other industries and possibly local and national security	DCC NWF&RS NWREPS NWLRF					No information update received from Partners

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11	Requirement to liaise with the local Health Board and Public Health Wales where the welfare of sick and vulnerable residents is in question; and	DCC NWF&RS NRW NWREPS NWLRF					In the event of any incidents where the whereabouts of vulnerable persons need to be collated – for example, for an evacuation - a Data Disclosure Agreement exists that permits the transfer of such information between the Local Authorities, Health Board and North Wales Police
12	Consideration of the installation of temporary air/water quality monitors to safeguard the public's health during the duration of this type of incident	DCC NRW NWREPS					In future large fires, NRW will consider bringing in Air monitoring equipment.
13	An Upland/Moorland Management Officer post be established. Relevant agencies are recommended to agree on how this key post can be financed and supported.	DCC NRW NWF&RS					DCC and NRW have agreed to fund the post jointly for the next 3 years. Denbighshire Countryside Service have submitted a Business Case for Corporate Plan funding.
14	Committee recommends that correspondence be sent to the Welsh Government seeking it to:	DCC NRW NWF&RS					(i)Correspondence was sent to Welsh Government in October 2019 and a reply was received from the Minister in the same

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	<p>(i) act urgently to make sure that future Agricultural Policies are aimed at securing the economic and environmental sustainability of upland and moorland areas across Wales by ensuring that sheep farming practices and production, essential components for effective and sustainable land management in these areas, is economically viable and maintained for the future; and</p> <p>(ii) to seek financial assistance for the restoration work on Llantysilio Mountain</p>						<p>month (Appendices 4a,4b,4c of the Scrutiny Report). To date the responses to the Sustainable Farming and Land Use Consultation have not been published.</p> <p>(ii) The Countryside Service and AONB have been successful in securing some funding from Welsh Government to begin some restoration works this winter. Some restoration work has taken place on a trial plot on Moel y Faen – on the eastern edge of the Mountain.</p>