

Towyn and Kinmel Bay Flood Forum.

I believe we should consider re-starting regular engagement with CCBC / NRW and others in an occasional flood forum where there is time to fully discuss issues.

At one time NRW managed a flood warden network but this evaporated. We had the forum for many years where matters were raised and some actions resulted. Our last meeting was in 2023 and soon after we had flooding through Sandy Cove with an increasing number of storm events being recorded.



Around one in seven properties are at risk of flooding in Wales, according to latest figures from Natural Resources Wales, with this number expected to rise as climate change intensifies the frequency and severity of extreme rainfall events, making preparation even more important for the years ahead.

Our community is designated to be an area under increasing flood risk with planning restrictions for residential and industrial development. In addition to coastal flood risk with climate change we are experiencing increased rainfall which raises the risk of flooding across our river embankment.

The 1990 floods were a foretaste of climate change when defences failed. Today defence improvements are continuous. The 1990 floods involved the largest evacuation in peace time UK, we evacuated our family at that time

under emergency procedures, so we also need to better understand evacuation procedures including tourists.

We gained a lot of knowledge through the process chaired by Cllr Geoff, and I think our community needs the forum which could also assist the case to address unmade roads as risks increase. In parallel with our residents, we have many caravans perched on the coast and we need to be aware of the risks to these and responders, and the tourism industry.

Increasing risk from the Clwyd embankment is of concern and there is an increasing need for property level flood resilience measures so there is an agenda. Whether the forum is regional or TKB focus is to be considered.

Cllr Barry Griffiths

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