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From: Winnett, Lisa - Councillor <Lisa.Winnett@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 September 2021 11:44
To: Crook, Richard
Cc: Wilkins, Joanna - Councillor; Clerk; Collier, Garth - Councillor; Morgan, John P - Councillor
Subject: Fw: Query - land opposite Blaina Institute

Hi Richard,

Please see the email trail below, it is regarding the Square in Blaina (opposite the Town Council). Many years ago, Regen and Communities 1st undertook works on the site to regenerate it. As you will see in the email trail below, no one owns this land. Since this time the council has undertaken cleaning works (cleaning the slabs) and replacing lightbulbs that are located in the paving slabs. Sadly, the slabs that have been laid around the trees are now a H&S hazard, from my enquires it is not a highway issue, can you please advise if this is a regen responsibility, and if so, can this be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Keep Safe

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To: Marsden, Christopher <Christopher.Marsden@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>
Cc: 'clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk' <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>
Subject: Re: Query - land opposite Blaina Institute

Thank you for all your help Chris

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Legal advice would be needed with regards to any claim as far as maintenance goes the licence even though expired gives the council a right to maintain the area we just have no powers to do alterations or additions to whats currently on site but it is unclear who this responsibility has fallen to as the licence was with nantyglo UDC so whether this has rolled over to the town council or with a section like regen or grounds maintenance within the Council I am unsure and again a solicitors view may be required if those parties dispute this view.

regards

Christopher Marsden

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Hi Chris,

Thanks for this, where would we stand as regen was part of the works that was undertaken to the refurb of the site? Would they be responsible for where there are slabs severely raised which is causing a H&S issue? and could the council make a claim for the land as they have undertaken works on the land including the cleaning of the slabs?

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Morning

I can only do searches for council departments so I could not do this but the land is unregistered anyway so a land registry search would be pointless.

For info.

The land is not owned by Nantyglo Town council but was held on licence by Nantyglo UDC in the 1950's for 10 years the owner at the time was Webbs brewery who owned the red lion but as Webbs no longer exist the successors in title to Webbs could find no record of the area in 2006 when blaina communities first wanted to do a project on site with the Regeneration section.

regards

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Hi Chris,

Please see below regarding the square in Blaina from the Town Council. Can you please undertake a land registry search to find out who owns this square, as it is a H&S issues with the condition of it.

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From: Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>
Sent: 27 September 2021 10:13
To: Winnett, Lisa - Councillor <Lisa.Winnett@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Query - land opposite Blaina Institute

Good morning Lisa,

Please see the e-mail below from Mark Hopkins (Regeneration & Community Services, BGCBC).
Further to our conversation today, I can recall previous conversations with the previous Town Clerk at the Town Council stating that the only land/buildings owned by Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council was Salem Chapel.
I have never heard of or seen any records or statements inferring that the land (square opposite Blaina Institute) is owned by the Town Council.

Kind regards

Tracy

Tracy Hughes - Town Clerk / RFO

Nicola Horner – Assistant Officer

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Sent: 24 September 2021 08:25
To: Hopkins, Steph <steph.hopkins@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>; Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Query - land opposite Blaina Institute

Hi both

I have just checked our records and I can confirm that this parcel of land is **not** deemed as adopted public highway. I have attached a copy of our highway adoption plan for this area, the roads and footways shown coloured Red/Green/Blue are adopted (the different colouring simply indicate the different classifications of the highway)

Hope this helps.

Kind regards

Mark Hopkins BEng (Hons)

Team Manager – Built Environment

Infrastructure Services

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Sent: 23 September 2021 14:19
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Cc: Hopkins, Mark <Mark.Hopkins@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Query - land opposite Blaina Institute

Hi Tracy,

I wouldn't know sorry. It might be worth trying Land Registry or it might be highway verge: Mark would you know?

Kind regards

Steph

From: Clerk <clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk>

Sent: 23 September 2021 14:09

To: Hopkins, Steph <steph.hopkins@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk>

Subject: Query - land opposite Blaina Institute

Hi Steph,

I wonder if you are able to help me with a query please?

I'm trying to find out who is the owner (or responsible person) for the land opposite Blaina Institute (where the large trees and benches are) – would you happen to have any information regarding this please?

BGCBC Estates Department have stated that they do not have any information regarding the ownership of the land.

Many thanks Steph

Kind regards

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Mynydd Carn-
y-Cefn Wind
Farm Proposal

Presentation
from Pennant
Walters

September
2021



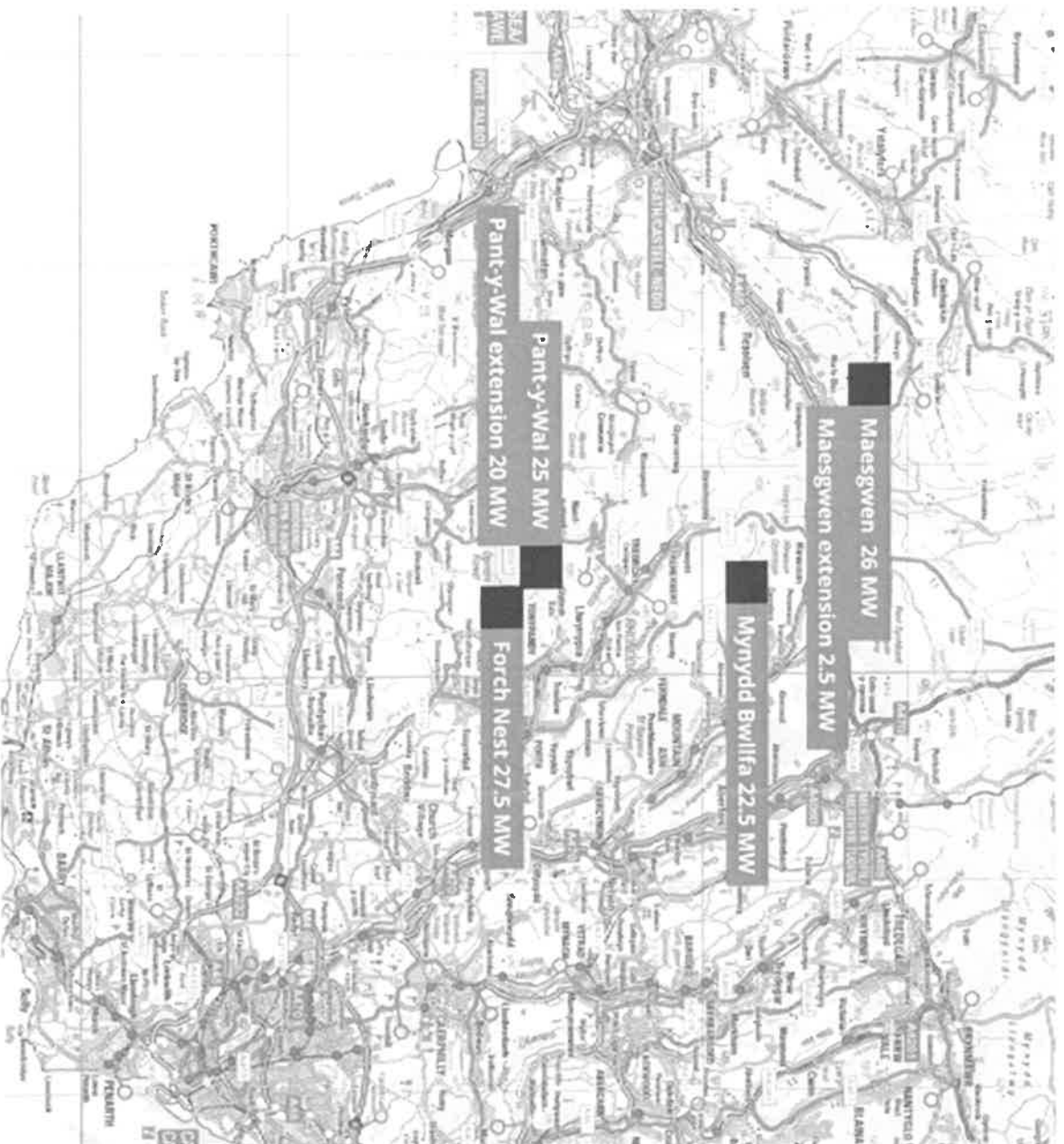
Item 2b

The National Challenge

In April 2019, the Welsh Government declared a climate emergency.

In September 2020, Blaenau Gwent CBC declared a climate emergency supporting the Welsh Government's ambition for the public sector in Wales to be Carbon Neutral by 2030. Increasing the generation of clean, renewable electricity contributes to the Welsh Government's target of renewable energy generating 70% of all electricity consumed by 2030.

Future Wales: The National Development Framework (NDF) sets out a 20-year spatial plan and, for renewable energy, it identifies Pre-assessed Areas in Wales.



About Pennant Walters

- Pennant Walters is a subsidiary of Walters Group, a local company operating nationally. Walters Group employs around 500 people and has diversified significantly in the last 20 years.
- Since 2003, Pennant Walters has developed, built and now operates six wind farms and some solar in South Wales, generating a total of 127MW, making it Wales' largest home-grown renewable energy developer.
- We are currently assembling land to enable new onshore wind sites, principally within South and Mid-Wales.
- www.pennantwalters.co.uk

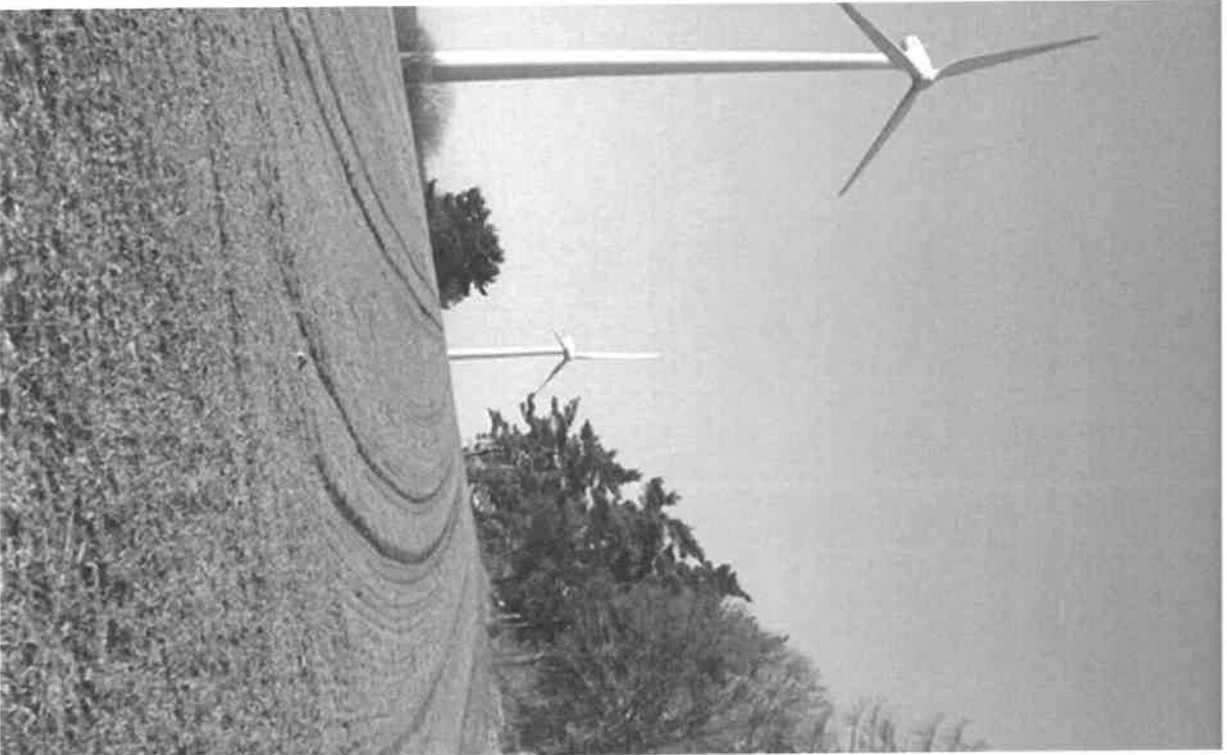


Pennant Walters Community

- Our approach is to develop long-lasting relationships with stakeholders and local communities.
- All our windfarm sites operate a community fund that distributes money to surrounding communities.
- To date we have distributed around £3.5 million to qualifying projects.

Mynydd Carn-y-Cefn opportunity

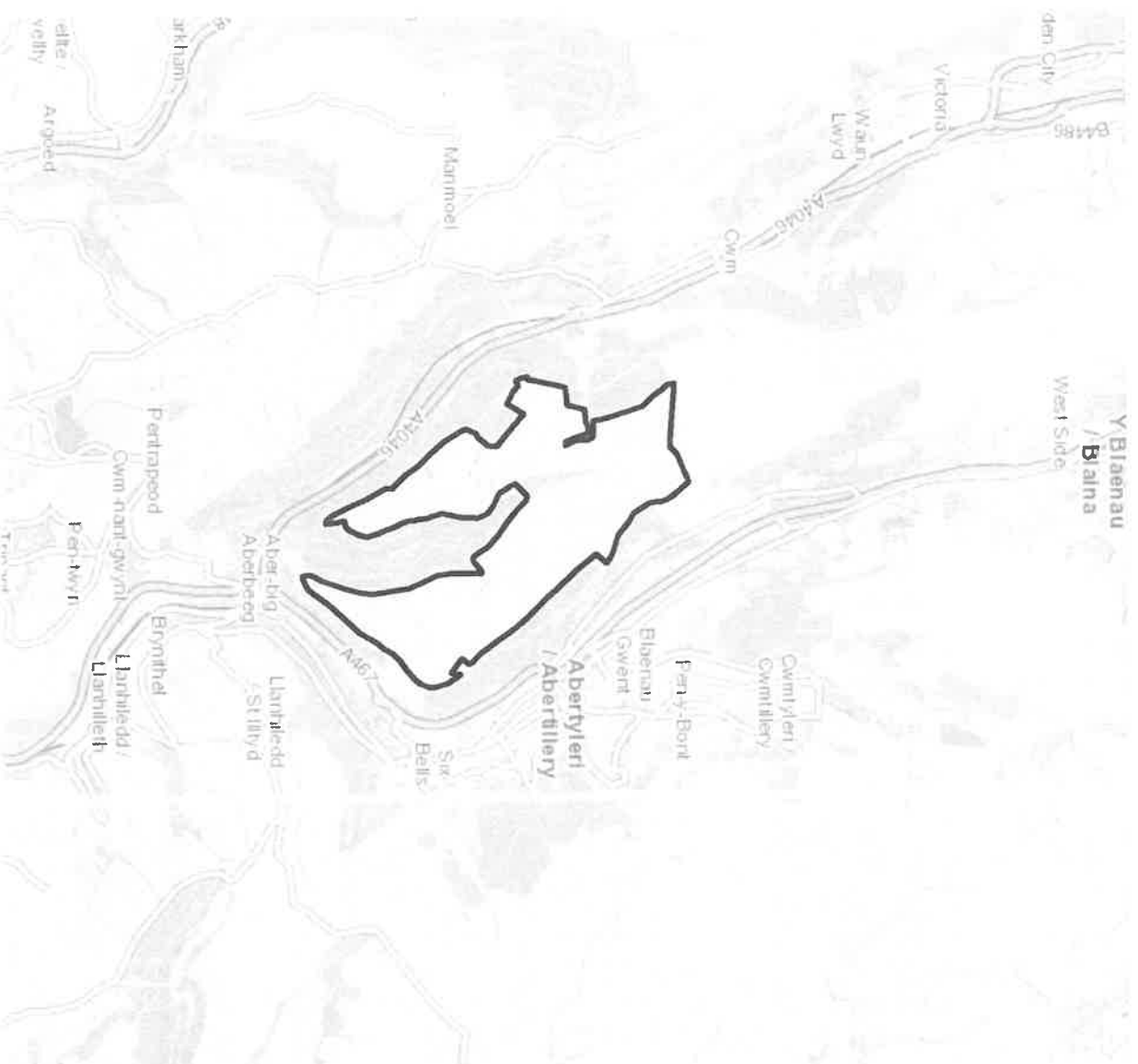
- Mynydd Carn-y-Cefn (MCyC) lies wholly within a Pre-assessed Area in Wales for renewable energy.
- MCyC benefits from good access to the highway and electricity distribution network with Western Power Distribution.
- Proposals for MCyC could also make a significant contribution to Blaenau Gwent CBC's renewable energy targets and deliver wider socio-economic benefits over a 30-year period.



The Site

The site is located on an upland ridge between the Ebbw Fawr and Ebbw Fach valleys.

It is approximately 270 hectares, predominantly grassland used for grazing, and is split by the forestry haul road, woodland and the operational 28.6 hectare Hafod-y-Dafal Solar Farm.



The Proposal

Proposal for the Mynydd Carn-y-Cefn Wind Farm includes:

- up to eight wind turbines with a maximum blade height of 180m
- substation and transformer housing
- temporary construction compound
- temporary site offices
- crane pads and cabling
- access track construction

It is estimated that the wind farm will generate up to 48MW of electricity, which is equivalent to providing enough power to meet the annual electricity needs of approximately 24,000 homes.

As the proposed wind farm will generate more than 10MW it is a Development of National Significance (DNS) – so will be considered by an Inspector and determined by Welsh Ministers.

Environmental Considerations

A number of environmental surveys have been undertaken to establish a baseline of current ecology and ornithological conditions in and around the site.

An EIA Scoping Report was submitted to PINS in Spring 2021 (and is available to view on the PINS website). Blaenau Gwent CBC was consulted on the scope of the environmental assessment.

During 2021 we will undertake further surveys and assessments on a range of environmental considerations – including ecology, noise and visual impact - to inform the number and location of turbines.



Early Engagement (26 May-4 July)

- Meetings/presentations
- Newsletter sent to over 8,000 addresses + BGCBC councillors, MS/MP, community and town councils and local community, business and interest groups
- Website – www.carn-y-cefn.co.uk - 948 unique users
- Advertising – advert in South Wales Argus, articles in Wales Online and South Wales Argus, posters and Facebook advertising (2,222 people reached, 636 engagements)
- Public exhibitions – Aberbeeg Community Centre (17 June), Cwm Community Education & Youth Centre (19 June) and Ebenezer Baptist Chapel (22 June) – 68 attendees
- Virtual exhibition – from 17 June - 124 unique visitors - 119 to English version and 5 to the Welsh version
- Feedback mechanisms – feedback forms, email, freepost address and project phone line



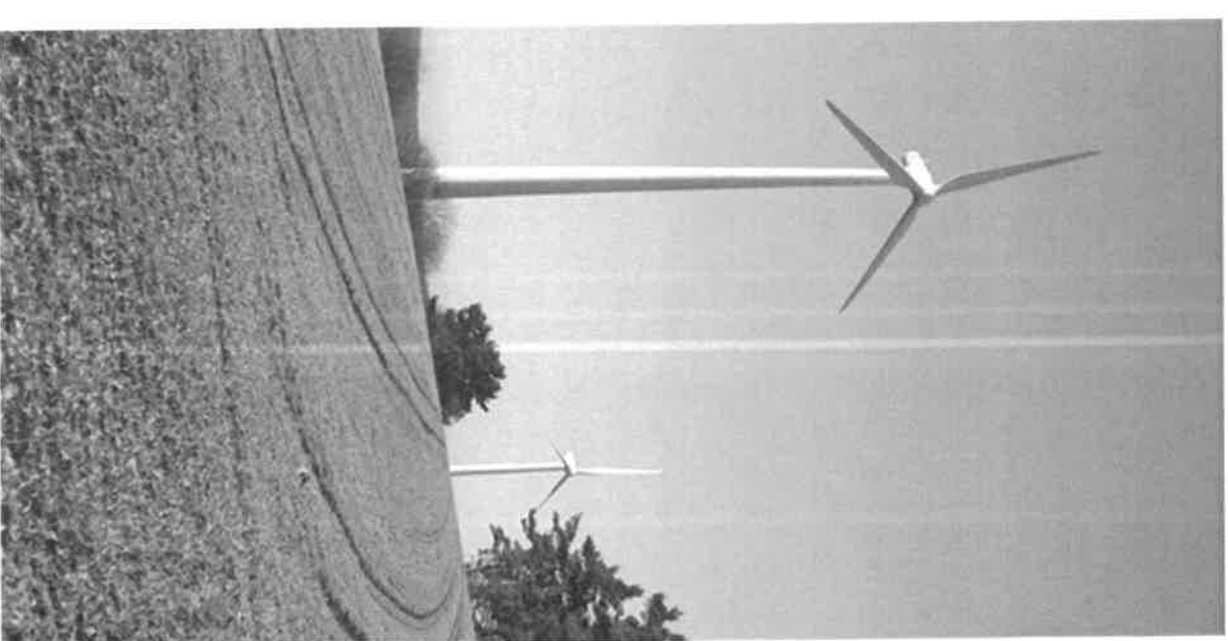
Early Engagement (continued)

Of those who completed the feedback form, over two thirds (68%) support the principle of wind farms to generate renewable energy.

Key issues:

- Visual impact
- Noise, vibration and shadow flicker
- Environmental impact – wildlife, land stability, drainage/flooding,
- Impact on open access land
- Impact on tourism
- Construction – access routes
- Decommissioning – recycling of turbines
- Community benefit opportunities

Alongside ongoing studies and surveys, feedback received will help inform the detailed proposals, which will form the basis of the statutory consultation.



Next steps

Early 2022

- **Stage 2: Formal (statutory) DNS consultation on detailed proposals** - webpage update, meetings, newsletter, statutory notices, press release/advertising

Spring 2022

- **Submission of application**
- to include a Consultation Report

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From: Brannovic, Veronika <Veronika.Brannovic@torfaen.gov.uk>
Sent: 23 September 2021 15:27
Subject: Save the dates - next LNP meeting and hedgehog Q&A

Hello all

Thanks to everyone who completed the Doodle poll for the next LNP meeting. We have settled on 10 am, 13th October – agenda and previous minutes to follow. We also have an interesting online Q&A session booked in with Torfaen and Newport Hedgehog Rescue as part of the Urban Hedgehog Project – 6pm 12th October - so if you would like to take part please let me know and I'll forward a link.

Take care

Vee

Veronika Brannovic

Local Nature Partnership Coordinator, Blaenau Gwent and Torfaen

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*Rwyf yn dysgu Cymraeg. Mae croeso cynnes i chi gysylltu â mi yn Gymraeg neu'n Saesneg!
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