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Meeting Number:	4	Chair:	
Date:	Thursday 6 th August, 2026	Time:	13:00-14:00hrs
Location:	Microsoft Teams		

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Attendees:

Name:	Organisation:	Role in RCG:
	Cardiff Council,	RCG Chair
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	Cardiff Council,	
	Cardiff Council,	
	Cardiff Council,	
	British Red Cross	
	Shared Regulatory Services	
	Cardiff Council,	
	Cardiff Council,	
	Welsh Government,	
	Natural Resources Wales	
	Cardiff Council,	
	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service	
	Cardiff Council,	
	Health and Safety Executive	
	Shared Regulatory Services	

****13:00hrs meeting start****

Opening Remarks:

RCG Chair, , opened the meeting with a welcome to all partners, provided a brief overview of the structure of the first meeting, and ran through the agenda.

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Review of actions from previous meeting
3. Briefing / Progress Report from scene
4. AOB
5. Next meeting

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1. Introductions

For the interest of time, all attendees were asked to put their Name, Organisation, and Role in the RCG into the chat function on MS Teams.

2. Review of Previous Actions

■ ran through actions from previous meetings; partners gave updates as necessary.

Action Number	Brief / Overview	Update	Status
ACTION10	■ / SWP to continue neighbourhood patrol and consider the deployment of CRTA's to site to advice and support effected residents.	05.08.26 – SWP not present at meeting, no update provided. 06.08.26 – SWP not present at meeting.	ONGOING
ACTION13	■ and ■ to discuss RCG objectives and appoint owners.	Ongoing discussions outside of meetings, items are becoming clearly defined.	ONGOING
ACTION14	■ to share results NRW sampling results with ■/SRS	Results being shared in a phased approach as received from the laboratory.	COMPLETE
ACTION15	■ to share contacts with ■ – subsequent liaison with Breedon's and Richford's	Contact shared, ■ to liaise with Breedon's outside of meeting.	COMPLETE
ACTION16	■ to liaise with ■ re. letter drops to residents on affected streets advising of jet washing and drain clearance.	Discussions held outside of meetings. Site visit taking place on 7/8/26 to confirm date for cleansing and drain assessment to take place.	COMPLETE
ACTION17	■ and ■ to liaise outside of the meeting to arrange NRW representative at on-site meeting on 07/08/26 to discuss cleansing operations.	As above.	COMPLETE

To note, only ongoing actions will be recorded in the notes of future meetings.

3. Briefing / Progress Report from Scene

Heol Goch – Reopening, Future Works, Banking Assessment

■ provided an overview from highways/banking integrity; high level points include:

- Heol Goch reopened evening of 5/8/26 with temporary traffic lights to reduce highway to one lane (outside lane away from the bank)
- Advanced traffic management in place to limit access for larger vehicles, especially HGVs due to the lane closure
- No issues raised since reopening
- Access has been reinstated to residents (farm) along Heol Goch
- ESP are due to assess the placement of the temporary traffic lights to ensure suitable coverage is in place of the affected bank area

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- ESP advised of a solid partition of sorts to be put in place between the live and closed lane instead of cons only – to reduce any risks of debris falling into the live lane of traffic
- ESP on site over coming days to carry out further assessments of the Public Right of Way, woodland areas, banking etc.
- Awaiting quote from ESP for further works and studies into the integrity of the banking
- Future remedial works to the highway will need to take place through planned closures – first closure to take place overnight on 9/8/26 (hard closure, no access)
- Gulley team on site to inspect and clear drains on Main Road and Viaduct road – assessments to take place on Heol Berry following letter drop (linked to action 16)

■ noted staff were on site to implement and initially monitor traffic management systems until 20:00hrs on 5/8/26. On site teams have had positive and tankful comments from residents regarding the highway reopening.

■ noted there has been significant amounts of positive feedback from members and the public since the reopening of Heol Goch. Messages of thanks have also been received, and recognition of the ongoing work and support of all responders.

NRW Sampling Results

■ noted that all results received to date have been shared with necessary partners. Results will continue to be shared as received. No concerns or issues are expected from the samples awaiting results.

SRS Sampling Activity

■ provided an overview of SRS sampling activity. Highlights include:

- Additional sampling took place in properties 7, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 27, and 3 samples taken from the playing fields
- Property number 25 are on holiday so future engagement may take place to sample materials in the property/garden
- Property along Heol Goch to be engaged with following report of debris on/within property
- Estimated arrival of sample results from the lab are early next week (w/c 10/8/26)

Parks Update

■ provided an update on behalf of Cardiff Council Parks Services. High level updates include:

- Contractors will be on site from Monday 10th to begin cleanup of playing fields
- Contact has been made with sports teams to note of no changes to fixtures for the upcoming playing season
- Once clean up is complete, new goal posts to be put in place

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Cleansing Update

■ provided an update regarding the cleansing within the actions section of the meeting. No further comments.

Welfare Support

■ highlighted some points of welfare engagement from an SRS point of view. Highlights include:

- Ongoing consumer support taking place by SRS colleagues
- Trading standards officers on site at Gwaelod-Y-Garth Village Hall to offer advice and guidance to those with queries around insurance

Residents have raised some concerns with SRS, concerns and outcome include:

- Property Claim Assistance (company) have been contacting residents to offer a no win no fee service, while taking a portion of the insurance money – Trading Standards offering support to those with queries, and encouraged disengagement with third party providers if residents have concerns
- Scrap metal merchants visiting affected properties and taking materials from the garden – SRS contractors on site to assist residents with clean up and ensure only unwanted materials are being taken (SRS presence in the area seems to be deterring merchants)
- Informal lending companies reported by some residents – SRS have investigated but cannot find any legitimate evidence of this

■ provided an update on the community welfare aspect of recovery. High level points include:

- Council services slowly beginning to pull back and return to BAU
- ■ is liaising with Breedon's to gain an understanding of what they are, and are not, willing to cover for residents affected
- Gwaelod-Y-Garth Village Hall is not available for use week commencing 10th August – alternative location is being sought for use if required

4. AOB

HSE

■ provided an in depth briefing of the ongoing investigation HSE and other parties are carrying out.

- Investigations are ongoing
- Press release issued by HSE 05/08/26
- Survey works and assessments are being undertaken by Breedon's with HSE oversight
- This was an isolated incident with unique circumstances
- There are no concerns of a repeat incident
- Quarry is not operational until investigations have concluded

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BRC

■ noted that BRC have been successful in offering cash assistance to some affected residents but highlighted the concern that others may not be aware of the scheme. ■ requested advice from partners on the call to understand other channels of communication that could be used to get in touch with other affected residents.

ACTION: ■ to liaise with ■ (comms) to discuss relevant information that can be shared through communication channels with affected residents – in relation to cash assistance

■ noted that mention of the cash assistance offer from BRC has been included in letter drops to residents.

5. Next Meeting

NEXT MEETING: Monday 10th August 2026, 13:00-14:00hrs, Microsoft Teams

Two further RCGs to be held Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th August. Meeting frequency to be reviewed again.

Priorities of next meeting include highway updates and any planned works, enforcing positive communications, and reopening of the playing fields.

■ highlighted the positive feedback received to date from councillors, members and the public, and reinforced the support and thanks of all the hard work from colleagues and partners.

13:36hrs meeting closed

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Summary of Actions and Decision:

Item	Brief / Overview	Owner	Update	Status
ACTION01	NRW to confirm content of the samples taken (just water sampling, or material sampling).	NRW	<i>Note in chat- NRW only took water samples</i> 04.08.26 - Material samples only (no water). NRW will provide context on results as and when received.	COMPLETE
ACTION02	■■■ / PHW to share physical materials that can be shared with residents that present at the village hall in regard to safe clean-up.	PHW / EMU	Shared with EMU	COMPLETE
ACTION03	■■■ / EMU to scope assistance from voluntary agencies to provide community support and advice at the village hall.	■■■	■■■ to provided update as agenda item. See ACTION 12	COMPLETE
ACTION04	■■■ and ■■■ to discuss offline to understand the placement of a Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) at the scene.	■■■■■	■■■ deployed to Gwaelod-Y-Garth Village Hall as a LALO	COMPLETE
ACTION05	Centralised comms strategy to be discussed to cover the support and advice being provided at scene	■■■	■■■ to provided update as agenda item. See ACTION 12	COMPLETE
ACTION06	■■■ / EMU to develop and detailed Recovery Strategy Framework ahead of next RCG meeting.	■■■	■■■ to provided update as agenda item.	COMPLETE
ACTION07	■■■ / EMU to formulate a detailed Recovery Action Plan ahead of next RCG meeting.	■■■	■■■ to provided update as agenda item.	COMPLETE
ACTION08	■■■ to liaise with ■■■ to discuss BRC offers of support	■■■■■	Discussions held offline. Roles of BRC have been established.	COMPLETE

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ACTION09	■■■ and ■■■ to liaise outside of the meeting to discuss ongoing steps in reducing cold callers and limit door knocking etc.	■■■■■	Discussions held offline.	COMPLETE
ACTION10	■■■■ / SWP to continue neighbourhood patrol and consider the deployment of CRTA's to site to advice and support effected residents.	■■■■		ONGOING
ACTION11	■■■■ to share Breedon's contact to be shared with ■■■.	■■■■■	Contact shared.	COMPLETE
ACTION12	■■■■ to coordinate offers of support and additional resources requirements and develop and implement a co-ordinated model (to insurance and clean-up advice)	■■■■		COMPLETE
ACTION13	■■■■ and ■■■ to discuss RCG objectives and appoint owners.	■■■■■		ONGOING
ACTION14	■■■■ to share results with ■■■/SRS	■■■■■ (SRS)		ONGOING
ACTION15	■■■■ to share contacts with ■■■ – subsequent liaison with Breedon's and Richford's	■■■■■		COMPLETE
ACTION16	■■■■ to liaise with ■■■ re letter drops to residents on affected streets advising of jet washing and drain clearance.	■■■■■		ONGOING
ACTION17	■■■■ and ■■■ to liaise outside of meeting to arrange NRW representative at on-site meeting (09/08/26).	■■■■■		ONGOING
ACTION18	■■■■ to liaise with ■■■ (comms) to discuss relevant information that can be shared through communication channels with affected residents – in relation to cash assistance	■■■■■		ONGOING

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DECISION01	Sampling results to be sent through to SRS in a phased approach (as and when received within NRW).			
DECISION02	TOR approved by all partners (13:28hrs)			
DECISION03	Membership list approved by all partners (13:29hrs)			
DECISION04	Draft Recovery Strategy confirmed and approved by partners – pending detailed framework (13:43hrs).			
DECISION05	Group to meet daily until further review of meeting frequency.			
DECISION06	Contractors from Breedon's are approved to clean affected areas (residential streets, highway, footway and parks).			
DECISION07	Strategy and Objectives approved by the group (13:38hrs).			