

Chair's Board Report – January Board Meeting

1) Meetings with external bodies and events

Date of meeting	Meeting with / Event	Notes
1 December	<p>Represented NRW at funeral of Carl Sargeant in Connah's Quay.</p> <p>Site Visit to St Asaph flood relief scheme with Clare Pillman as part of her introduction to NRW (taking up post of Chief Executive at the end of February 2018), Board members Ruth Hall and Zoe Henderson, and operations team members.</p>	<p>St Asaph flood relief scheme is nearing completion and this was an opportunity to walk the scheme, hear about its planning, delivery and the flood protection it will provide for the community at risk. It was also good to hear about how the landscaping will improve the riverside walk and cycle path and enable more trees to be planted to deliver part of the WG's Plant! Programme.</p>
5 December	Monthly meeting with Minister	<p>Monthly meeting Cabinet Secretary and introduction to the newly appointed Environment Minister Hannah Blythyn.</p>
12 December	Interview with Steffan Messenger (BBC)	<p>Meeting with BBC's environment correspondent Steffan Messenger to give an interview on the financial challenges we face and the need for prioritisation and support from WG. This was covered extensively in the media that day.</p>
15 December	Staff drop-in event for staff to meet Clare Pillman	<p>As Clare was in Ty Cambria for the day, we arranged a session for staff to meet and talk informally. The session provided opportunity for frank and open dialogue between staff and the future new Chief Executive.</p>
9 January	Meeting with Environment Minister and Elected Representatives from Cardiff to	<p>Given the considerable public concern about the final phase of this project this was an opportunity to explain the detail and options</p>



Briefing

	discuss the Penlyan flood relief scheme	previously considered to AMs who had been approached by constituents.
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