

# HUW IRRANCA-DAVIES MS/AS

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## WALES WELCOMES NEW FIRST MINISTER



First Minister Vaughan Gething announces his new Welsh Government Cabinet as a Ministerial team dedicated to creating a stronger, fairer, and greener Wales for future generations, while the whole Senedd joins in bidding farewell to outgoing First Minister Mark Drakeford.

Its objective will be to bring about green prosperity, with an emphasis on bolstering the economy by giving everyone opportunities and guaranteeing a seamless transition to a net zero carbon future.

I am honored to be appointed as Wales' new Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs in a newly combined role, having previously served as a shadow UK DEFRA Minister. I look forward to working with all relevant parties.

## £39M BOOST FOR BUS PASSENGERS IN WALES



The Welsh Government have confirmed continued support for the Welsh bus industry through a new £39m 'Bus Network Grant'.

Starting on 1st April and running for 12 months, the grant is available to local authorities who meet specific conditions to secure services now the Welsh Government's Bus Transition Fund has come to an end.

The Bus Network Grant will bring stability to the industry as well as increased public control of bus services and will act as a bridge from the emergency funding that has been provided towards bus franchising.

## CPA WESTMINSTER SEMINAR VISITS SENEDD

Delighted to be part of the Senedd Cymru's warm Welsh welcome to Clerks and Members from across the Commonwealth, as part of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's Westminster Seminar.

As parliamentarians and support teams from across 27 nations, we discussed our approaches to legislation and scrutiny, parliamentary reforms and our ground-breaking Welsh Youth Parliament too.

Diolch i bawb an ddod! #WestSem24



## REDESIGNED SCHEME FOR LLANHARAN



Thanks to the excellent work between Rhondda Cynon Taf Council, Welsh Government officials, Council Leader Andrew Morgan and former Transport Minister Lee Waters MS/AS there is a new proposal, fully aligned with the Welsh Government Roads Review.

The re-designed scheme will deliver a new link road to help remove HGVs and heavy traffic through Llanharan and will have over 4km of active travel links. The carbon footprint of the scheme will reduce by 45% and there will be no loss to local ancient woodland. The overall scheme will also see an enhancement of biodiversity. Traffic lights and junctions will have bus priority measures, with an enhanced bus service of 4 buses per hour. See RCT Council website for more detail.

## CELEBRATING OUR SOCIAL WORKERS ON WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY

I was delighted to join with BASW Cymru (British Association for Social Work and Social Workers) for their celebration at the Senedd in recognition of World Social Work Day and the work of our social workers.

A series of celebrations are held annually throughout March.

Each year the social work community comes together to highlight the importance of social work and its invaluable contribution to society.



## SWALLOW AWARENESS DAY - RAISING AWARENESS OF DYSPHAGIA



On Swallow Awareness Day at the Senedd, I joined with colleagues to pay tribute to all the professionals who dedicate themselves to helping those with communication, eating and swallowing rehabilitation.

We attended a 'Swallowing Café', hosted by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists Wales in conjunction with the Senedd catering team where we learned first-hand the impact of eating, drinking and swallowing difficulties.



This followed my earlier visit to the excellent speech and language therapists at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend to learn more about their work and the unique role they play in the assessment, diagnosis, and management of swallowing difficulties which often occur with other health conditions such as following a Stroke or diagnosis of Parkinsons or Dementia.

## MAESTEG COMMUNITY HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

### Maesteg Community Hospital

Redevelopment Update  
March 2023



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Work continues towards the multi-million pound redevelopment of Maesteg Community Hospital into an integrated health, care and wellbeing hub.

The latest report from Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB states Bron Y Garn Surgery will continue to be based at the hospital along with additional Outpatient Services and the Community Mental Health Team.

Other potential health services planned for the site include a return of at least one ward, a Minor Injury and Illness Unit, a return of Community Dental Services and increased Women's Health Services, amongst others.

External partners, such as Bridgend College, Citizens Advice and the Awen Trust, are also heavily engaged in conversations around the opportunities for them to utilise the site to create a one-stop hub for patients and residents. Watch this space !

## DWR CYMRU WELSH WATER CONSULTATION EVENT

Dwr Cymru Welsh Water, held a successful consultation event at The Pantri Box in Porthcawl following representations from Sarah Murphy MS, Chris Elmore MP and myself.

The busy session saw people, groups and organisations put their questions to Dwr Cymru representatives regarding waterways, bathing areas and lots of other issues.

Our thanks to Pantri Box and Dwr Cymru for hosting the event.

Photo credit: Sarah Murphy MS



# Follow Up Rail Meeting

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON TRAINS

VALID FOR MULTIPLE QUERIES

DESTINATION:  
PENCOED BRITISH LEGION  
37 HENDRE RD, PENCOED  
CF35 6TB

DATE: 25/04/2024    ARRIVE: 5PM    DEPARTURE: 7PM

TRAIN: 197  
PLATFORM: 1  
CARRIAGE: 2  
SEAT: L8



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As promised, following the successful Transport for Wales public rail meeting held in Maesteg earlier this year, a further public drop in session has been arranged in Pencoed on 25th April 2024.

This is a another great opportunity for people to put their concerns, comments or suggestions directly to Transport for Wales representatives. We are arranging these events in different places so as many people as possible can have their say.

Hope to see you there!



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## CONSTITUENCY CASEWORK

Housing, Transport and Health continue to dominate my daily caseload.

I have often previously highlighted issues raised by my constituents directly with Ministers during Plenary sessions or via Written Parliamentary Questions.

You can find a record of this work via this link: <https://rb.gy/phsb8s>



## Contact Me!

Get in touch if you need help or support. Or if you wish to highlight issues or share ideas.

## Advice Surgeries

I hold regular Advice Surgeries and 'Coffee Mornings' in all parts of the constituency and these are advertised via my website and social media channels

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