

**Notes from the Action for Cleaner Water Meeting held in the Council Room
at The Royal Jersey Showground, Trinity on Thursday 6th April 2023**

Present: Tim du Feu (TduF), Environment Department, GoJ

Dairy sector

Regulation/Enforcement, GoJ

JFU President

Jersey Water

Regulation, GoJ

Director of Natural Environment, GoJ

Jersey Royal Company

Rural Economy, GoJ

Albert Bartlett

In attendance: Secretary JFU

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

1.	<p>Matters arising from the previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The GoJ Catchment Officer has been invited to the meeting as well as the Regulation Manager and the JW Water Quality Manager. Catchment Officer explained his role The AFCW group could make recommendations of areas of work for Catchment Officer to look into as Catchment Officer, eg water sampling. ii. Pesticide Import list – Regulation puts together this list, relying on information received from the merchants. iii. Slurry spreading – this matter to be discussed later in the meeting. iv. List of Government responsibilities and contacts – this list has been circulated to group members v. Clovermax - the use of this for permanent grass leys has now been authorised by the Minister. Catchment Officer advised that farmers need to let him know when and where they will be using Clovermax. vi. Dates for 2023 meetings have been circulated. 	<p>Action - Government</p>
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2.	<p>Rural Forum</p> <p>Reported that the 1st meeting had been held. The Forum is currently running a couple of projects:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The first is a land data platform. The aim is to have a database of all fields in the island. He suggested putting together a working group to comment on all planning applications for land use. ii. The Forum will be continuing to pursue additional budget for the industry for 2023 and also for 2024. 	
3.	<p>Draft Terms of Reference</p> <p>The Chair took group members through the draft Terms of Reference that he has drafted.</p> <p>It was suggested that an email could be sent out to industry if there is a detection of chemicals and that Government could work with Jersey Water to find out the source of the problem and then work to mitigate the breach.</p> <p>It was suggested by Regulation that there is a need to categorise incidents that have an agriculture source. He hoped that this would be possible with the introduction of new Government IT systems.</p> <p>The AFCW group can ask officers to attend a meeting if there is any specific report that they wish to learn more about.</p>	<p>Action: Government</p> <p>Action: Government</p>
4.	<p>Future timetable</p> <p>Discussion took place on what the AFCW Group should be discussing in forthcoming meetings so that improvements can be made.</p> <p><u>July meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slurry closed season – Government to discuss this with the dairy industry • Phosphate management • Crypto • Nutrient sampling by Catchment Officer. WP to look at sourcing funding for this. <p><u>September meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil compaction and erosion 	<p>Action: Government</p> <p>Action: Government</p>
5.	<p>Slurry Closed Season</p> <p>Discussion took place on the slurry spreading closed season and it was felt</p>	<p>Action: Government</p>

	<p>The industry should be given a warning that all slurry stores will be checked to ensure that they are empty on 1st November every year.</p> <p>The condition of slurry stores is checked as part of the LEAF audit.</p> <p>This matter will be discussed further at the July meeting of the AFCW group.</p>	<p>Action: The Chair to July agenda</p>
6.	<p>Water Strategy Update</p> <p>The Environment Minister has asked the Environment Department to come up with a water strategy. The Department is in the process of engaging Arup to investigate the scoping of the strategy.</p>	
7.	<p>Other Items</p>	
8.	<p>The next AFCW meeting will be held on 13th July 2023 at Jersey Water Offices, Rue des Près, St Saviour.</p>	