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Subject: Doc 1 - Capel y Cwm, Bonymaen - email exchange between Cadw and Swansea Council, dated 21 Dec 2021

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Cc: Green, Jonathan (ESNR - Tourism, Heritage & Sport - CADW); Kelly, Rhodri (ESNR - Tourism, Heritage & Sport - CADW)
Subject: RE: Capel y Cwm, Bonymaen (22091)

Hi Michael,

This chapel has been derelict for a long time and was reduced to four walls following a fire many decades ago. The roof, interior, windows etc were all lost in the fire approx 20 years ago.

Concerns were raised by neighbours following storm Arwen and Swansea Building Control requested that the owner was asked to make safe. My advice to the owner was that they needed advice from a heritage accredited structural engineer to justify the making safe.

However work started to make safe on Monday (20/12/21) with no agreement or consent. According to the owner when they started taking loose stones from the wall top alongside the new chapel the front started to move. Apparently they have video evidence of this and to make safe the front has been partially demolished.

I have not been able to visit site but my enforcement colleagues have visited. They have cautioned the contractor and work has apparently stopped for the time being.

The owner is aware that listed building consent is needed to justify this emergency demolition.

I will update you when we know more.

Regards

Steve

From: Michael Weatherhead (ESNR - Tourism, Heritage & Sport - CADW)
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Hello Steve,

A member of the public has alerted us to the demolition of the Grade II listed Capel y Cwm in Bonymaen (22091), yesterday.

We've no record of consent being sought for demolition so I assume this is either unauthorised or was done under S7 exemption. Are you able to clarify please?

Thanks

-Mike

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