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PART 7

MISCELLANEOUS

Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee

81 Establishment of Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee

- (1) In the [Flood and Water Management Act 2010 \(c. 29\)](#), before section 27 (and the italic cross-heading before it) insert—

“4A. Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee for Wales

26B Establishment and functions

- (1) There is established a committee to be known as the Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee or Pwyllgor Llifogydd ac Erydu Arfordirol.
- (2) The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Welsh Ministers on matters relating to flood and coastal erosion risk management.
- (3) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations confer or impose additional functions on the Committee for any purpose connected with flood or coastal erosion risk management in Wales.

26C Constitution

- (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision about the membership of the Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee, including—
 - (a) the number of members,
 - (b) conditions of eligibility for appointment, and

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- (c) the method of selection and appointment of members (including who is to appoint them).
- (2) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision about the proceedings of the Committee, including—
 - (a) quorum, and
 - (b) the nature and extent of a majority required for specified purposes.

26D Payments relating to members

- (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision for the payment to or in respect of persons who chair or have chaired the Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee of—
 - (a) remuneration;
 - (b) allowances;
 - (c) sums by way of or in respect of pension;
 - (d) compensation for loss of office.
- (2) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision for the payment of allowances to members of the Committee.
- (3) Regulations under this section—
 - (a) must specify who is to make any payment for which the regulations make provision;
 - (b) may make provision about the circumstances in which a payment is to be made;
 - (c) may determine, or provide for the determination of, the amount or maximum amount of a payment.”
- (2) The Regional Flood and Coastal Committee established under section 22(1)(c) of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 is abolished.
- (3) Part 4 of Schedule 2 provides for minor and consequential amendments and repeals relating to this section.

Land drainage

82 Repeal of requirements to publish in local newspapers etc.

- (1) In the [Land Drainage Act 1991 \(c. 59\)](#), omit—
 - section 2(2A);
 - section 3(4A);
 - section 38(6A);
 - section 39(5A);
 - section 48(3A);
 - section 58(3A);
 - paragraph 1(1A) of Schedule 5.
- (2) In Schedule 9 to the [Water Act 2014 \(c. 21\)](#), omit paragraphs 2(3), 3(3), 4(3), 5(3), 6(3), 7(3) and 8(3).

83 Valuation of non-agricultural land for apportionment of drainage expenses

(1) The [Land Drainage Act 1991 \(c. 59\)](#) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 37 (apportionment of expenses of internal drainage boards)—

- (a) in subsection (5), after “this section” insert “as it applies in relation to England,”;
- (b) after subsection (5) insert—

“(5A) For the purposes of this section as it applies in relation to Wales, the value of other land in an internal drainage district is to be determined in accordance with regulations made by the Welsh Ministers.

(5B) The regulations may, among other things, make provision—

- (a) about methods to be applied, or factors to be taken into account, in determining the value of land;
- (b) for the value of land to be determined on the basis of estimates, assumptions or averages;
- (c) for the value of land to be determined for the purposes of this section by reference to the value shown for the time being in a list or register prepared for the purposes of another enactment;
- (d) for determining the value of land which is only partly within the internal drainage district in question.

(5C) The regulations may—

- (a) make different provision for different cases, including different provision in relation to different circumstances or descriptions of land;
- (b) make such incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional or saving provision as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.

(5D) Regulations may not be made under subsection (5A) unless a draft of the instrument containing the regulations has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the National Assembly for Wales.”

(3) In section 65(2) (regulations), after “Subject to” insert “section 37(5D) and”.

84 Power to make provision for appeals against special levies

(1) The [Local Government Finance Act 1988 \(c. 41\)](#) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 75 (special levies), after subsection (7) insert—

“(7A) Regulations made by the Welsh Ministers may include provision for appeals to be made to the Welsh Ministers from special levies issued to meet expenses incurred in the exercise of functions relating to land drainage.”

(3) In section 138 (judicial review)—

- (a) in subsection (2)(f), after “above” insert “(subject to subsection (4))”;
- (b) after subsection (3) insert—

“(4) Subsection (1) does not affect appeals made by virtue of provision made in regulations under section 75(7A)”.

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- (4) In section 143 (orders and regulations)—
- (a) in subsection (3), after “Parliament” insert “or, in the case of an order or regulations made by the Welsh Ministers, of the National Assembly for Wales”;
 - (b) omit subsection (4A).
- (5) In Schedule 7 to the [Local Government Act 2003 \(c. 26\)](#), omit paragraph 24(4).

85 Power of entry: compliance with order for cleansing ditches etc.

- (1) In section 29 of the [Land Drainage Act 1991 \(c. 59\)](#) (effect of orders requiring cleansing of ditches etc.), after subsection (1) insert—
- “(1A) Where, in the case of an order made under section 28 by the Agricultural Land Tribunal in relation to land in Wales, the Welsh Ministers, at any time after the end of three months or such longer period as may be specified in the order, have reasonable grounds for believing that any work specified in the order has not been carried out—
- (a) the Welsh Ministers, or
 - (b) any person authorised by them, either generally or in a particular case, may, in order to ascertain whether the work has been carried out, enter any land which it is necessary to enter for that purpose.”
- (2) The amendment made by subsection (1) has effect in relation to orders whenever made.

Byelaws

86 Byelaws made by the Natural Resources Body for Wales

Part 5 of Schedule 2 contains amendments relating to byelaws made by the Natural Resources Body for Wales.