

Minutes of the Multi Agency Stakeholder Flood Defence Meeting held on Thursday 22nd March 2018 in Lydney Town Council Chambers at 11.00 am

PRESENT: Colin Legg, Lakeside Resident Rep/Lydney Town Council - Chairman **(CL)**
 Rose Christodoulides, Lakeside Resident Rep/Lydney Town Council **(RC)**
 Jayne Smailes, Lydney Town Council **(JS)**
 Dawn Morgan, Forest of Dean District Council **(DM)**
 Chris McFarling Forest of Dean District Council **(CM)**
 Andrew Bryant, Watts Group **(AB)**
 Ed Argent, Robert Hitchins **EA)**
 Jonathon Mogg, Severn Trent Water **(JM)**
 Laurence King, FoDDC **(LK)**
 Naveen Tangri, Gloucestershire County Council **(NT)**
 Brian Pearman, Lydney Town Council **(BP)**
 Bob Berryman, Lydney Town Council **(BB)**
 Gavin Green, Lydney Park Estate **(GG)**

IN ATTENDANCE: Sharon Lanfear, Admin Assistant, Lydney Town Council (Minute Taker)

APOLOGIES: Robert Franklin, Lydney Park Estate
 Alex Robinson, Lydney Park Estate
 Brian Watkins, Gloucestershire County Council Highways/Amey
 Jason Walker, Environment Agency
 Marilyn Cox, Cox Community Emergency Planning

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p>WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS Cllr Brian Pearman (BP) chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.</p>	
2.	<p>NOTES OF LAST MEETING (25th January 2018) The meeting notes were accepted as a true record.</p> <p>BW in his absence sent an email which was read to attendees; The A48 balancing pond had been visited by BW who reported that it had been free flowing and provided photographs to confirm such. BW confirmed he would check the site again in two months. It was also reported by BW that the culvert at Mead Lane remained under the maintenance programme with GCC Highways and that the upstream/downstream approach would still remain the responsibility of landowners.</p>	<p>BW TO MONITOR THE MEAD LANE CULVERT.</p> <p>BW/GCC TO PROVIDE COPY OF ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE</p>
3.	<p>MEAD LANE CM updated attendees regarding flood alleviation funding and counter measures that FoDDC have in place. CM spoke of meetings held between himself, DM and LK where discussions were had over the lack of government funding available and that any future projects would need to be met using grant funding. CM also confirmed GCC had confirmed riparian responsibility for the culvert and water course</p>	<p>LK TO FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH BW RE; CULVERTS AND WATER COURSES</p>

	<p>approaches.</p> <p>JS asked if any potential funding that had not been spent in the 17/18 financial year could be transferred to the 18/19. LK confirmed any remaining budget residue would be available in the 18/19 financial year. LK confirmed that the said budgets were being looked into that afternoon.</p> <p>A discussion took place concerning the ongoing maintenance costs for the culverts and water course approaches; LK spoke of his intention to further conversations with BW.</p>	<p>LK TO FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH BW</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>FLOOD ALLEVIATION WORKS AT LAKESIDE AVENUE, LYDNEY</p> <p>EA confirmed that a formal agreement had been entered into with FoDDC concerning a maintenance programme for the Lakeside Culvert.</p> <p>LK confirmed that procedures had to be followed by developers to ensure that the surface water programme terms were met. Attendees spoke in favour of such enforcement action. CM spoke of his confidence in developers following strict guidelines and that residents should feel confident with the process. EA confirmed that all drainage works are put in place before any further development work is commenced. LK advised that GCC were hoping to implement/amend wording of boundary agreements.</p> <p>RC asked for assurance that the £4000 which had been allocated to improvements at Lakeside Avenue was still available and DM assured that this was still the case.</p> <p>JM updated attendees of his recent visit to Cookson Terrace and spoke of dye testing that had been carried out in relation to evidencing presence of foul water. No evidence was gained to prove that foul water had been present, LK added to these findings that the foul smell could possibly be from dog faeces or manure from local farmland. JM informed attendees that whilst he had carried out such tests that several blockages were located and cleared. LK spoke of his concerns re; the gullies that are located at Cookson Terrace being blocked and requiring further maintenance work, LK will discuss said item with BW to ensure that the gullies are in full working order ensuring that no further issues should be experienced in relation to surface water flooding.</p> <p>Attendees spoke of their concerns of future flooding that may affect several properties which are listed buildings (Cookson Terrace), DM noted gullies were being blocked and these needed urgent remedial works. CM felt that the heritage value of the properties would ensure that flood maintenance would not be overlooked even though it was only a small amount of properties that may be affected. LK felt that</p>	<p>(DM TO PROVIDE EDY ACCOUNT BALANCE)</p> <p>LK TO SPEAK WITH BW RE; BLOCKED GULLIES AT COOKSON TERRACE</p>

	County/District and the Town Council along with residents would need to work together (partnership scheme) in order that funding could be applied for under 'Heritage Value' header.	
6.	<p>LYDNEY COMMUNITY FLOOD RESILIENCE PLAN (V8 June 2017) JS updated attendees on the Community Flood Resilience Plan explaining that Martin Young was unable to address the plan due to his recent absence from work. JS felt that the document would benefit from waiting until Martin Young returned to work before being finalised. DM spoke of her recent conversation with Karen Rushworth who had raised concerns over having too many flood resilience plans and felt that one general plan would suffice. DM felt that on Martin Young's return to work a meeting should be arranged to discuss the progression of the plan.</p> <p>In a recent email Jason Walker (Environment Agency) advised that grant funding for the installation of a community rain gauge was possible. The rain gauge would monitor rainfall and when high levels of rain were experienced the gauge would send weather warning texts. The gauge would benefit from a two-year guarantee and after that period it would become the responsibility of a nominated organisation/council. Attendees had a lengthy conversation over the advantages/disadvantages of having a gauge, BP felt that it was an item which could provide a positive addition to Lydney Flood Defence and proposed under Delegated Powers (reference Delegated Powers Meeting notes 22.03.18) provision be included to maintain a gauge from 2020 onwards at an estimated cost of £700.00pa.</p>	<p>JS TO ORGANISE A MEETING BETWEEN HERSELF AND MY TO FURTHER THE FLOOD RESILIENCE PLAN</p> <p>JS TO ADD RAIN GAUGE TO NEXT AGENDA AT LTC</p>
7.	<p>FLOOD RESILIENCE PLANNING EA gave an update explaining that as the previous planning application had expired due to building work not commencing before the ten-year period. A new planning application had now been submitted to FODDC. EA explained that the new application was superior to the old application due to flood resilience methods moving on, EA stated that once the application was available to view a copy would be provided to LTC. Attendees welcomed the new flood measures which had been included in the new planning application, currently being considered by GCC.</p>	
8.	<p>AOB CL updated attendees of his recent conversations with neighbouring properties located at Lakeside Avenue, he spoke of their concerns from the recent bad weather which had been experienced. LK and</p>	<p>LK AND DM TO VISIT LAKESIDE AVENUE TO</p>

	<p>DM confirmed they would visit lakeside and investigate the effectiveness of the bunds and see what improvements could/would be made.</p> <p>BP asked attendees if they felt that quarterly meetings were more appropriate unless an urgent matter needed addressing. Leaving more time to address matters for the next meeting.</p>	<p>INVESTIGATE THE BUNDS WHICH ARE LOCATED THERE.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>Thursday 28th June 2018</p>

Meeting closed at 12.00 noon