

Minutes of the Multi Agency Stakeholder Flood Defence Meeting held on
Thursday 25th January 2018 in Lydney Town Council Chambers at 11.00 am

PRESENT: Cllr Colin Legg, Lakeside Resident Rep/Lydney Town Council - Chairman **(CL)**
Cllr 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)**
Peter Siret, Gloucestershire County Council **(PS)**

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

APOLOGIES: Karen Rushworth, FoDDC,
Brian Pearman, Lydney Town Council
Robert Franklin, Lydney Park Estate
Alex Robinson, Lydney Park Estate
Bob Berryman, Lydney Town Council
Alan Preest, Lydney Town Council
Brian Watkins, Gloucestershire County Council Highways/Amey

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p>WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS Cllr Colin Legg (CL) chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.</p>	
2.	<p>NOTES OF LAST MEETING (30 November 2017) The meeting notes were accepted as a true record.</p>	
3.	<p>MEAD LANE Discussions took place regarding land ownership at the watercourse located at Mead Lane. DM confirmed that Ubico had now cleared the area/culvert and that work will continue under the annual maintenance programme, addressed by FoDDC/its contractor Ubico. JS asked where the maintenance funding was coming from as there was concerns that funds would be drawn from the Lakeside Avenue Flood Alleviation pot. LK confirmed there was no funds allocated as yet. LK advised land ownership needed to be addressed as a matter of urgency as Mead Lane is a critical area in relation to flooding. BW was unable to attend the meeting but had sent an email updating attendees regarding maintenance issues at the attenuation By-Pass. JS confirmed the email would be forwarded to LK to investigate/report further. JS asked CM if there was any funding available via the Portfolio Holder? CM confirmed there was funding available and he would look</p>	<p>Action – JS to forward email from BW to LK</p>

	<p>into this as no contributions from the budget had been made in the last 12 months. CM required clarification as to land ownership so that money can be used for flood alleviation measures. CM apologised for not dealing with this matter sooner and informed members that it would be a priority for FoDDC to establish responsibilities.</p>	<p>CM to further enquiries re; flood alleviation funding</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS</p> <p>CM advised attendees that he had made enquiries of FoDDC Planning and that confirmation was given that no contributions had been made towards STW pipework in Lydney in the last year. JS enquired as to why S106 contributions from developers were not being spent in the area which was being developed. JM explained that the money received from developers was used in high risk areas and that any money received could be used in any STW area throughout the UK. JS asked CM to further enquiries to see if legislation could be used to ensure S106 (infrastructure) monies being spent on the area it had been received from. CM stressed to members that although the FoDDC deals with planning applications and considers the flood risks involved the FoDDC are powerless as to how STW utilises the money. AB stressed his concerns over the Lydney treatments works not being on STW's high priority list. JM explained that the priority list looks at homes at risk of foul flooding through toilets and that moving forward if the treatment works were to experience flooding in the future that a case would need to be put forward which evidenced such in order for it to be considered as a priority. After a short discussion regarding foul flooding in the area of Lydney JM confirmed that STW had received no reports of foul flooding in the last year, and that if the treatment works suffered surface water flooding this could be considered an act of god. JS highlighted the importance of S106 money being used for the betterment of the treatments works as if surface water was to enter the system foul flooding would become an issue. JM explained that there are plans in the future for such funding but nothing has been committed as of yet.</p> <p>LK felt it important that he and JM attended to site.</p>	<p>CM to further enquiries regarding 106 funding</p> <p>Action LK/JM to attend site</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>FLOOD ALLEVIATION WORKS AT LAKESIDE AVENUE, LYDNEY</p> <p>EA informed attendees that a formal licence agreement with FoDDC was ready for signature. DM spoke of the agreement with FoDDC being able to cross Robert Hitchin Land whenever needed to address maintenance of the culvert. LK thanked CL for his email updating attendees re concerns relating to the culvert to Lakeside Avenue which had been very close to overtopping on the 27th December 2017. LK confirmed that some additional maintenance work was needed but not as a matter of urgency. A long discussion took place regarding the surface water from the Robert Hitchin site. LK noted that 3 -4 leaky dams could be implemented by the Autumn in the vicinity of Crump Farm and that negotiations with Land Owners was ongoing to attract funding.</p> <p>Members agreed that Cookson Terrace should be a matter of priority</p>	<p>Action – JS to add Cookson Terrace to the next agenda</p>

	and will be discussed at all future Flood Defence Meetings. LK and JM to attend site meeting	
6.	LYDNEY COMMUNITY FLOOD RESILIENCE PLAN (V8 June 2017) JS updated members that she has hoped that the EA would have been present as the Flood Resilience Plan (V8) was still outstanding. JS will make contact with Martin Young and Sue Penfold to further enquiries and copy in Karen Rushworth and Chris McFarling into correspondence.	JS to further enquiries on the Flood Resilience Plan V8
7.	FLOOD RESILIENCE PLANNING DM informed attendees she had since spoken to Clive Reynolds - FoDDC regarding weight given by the LPA to the Lyd Gen 1 NDP Policy. JS highlighted that despite the Lyd Gen 1 Policy being in place developers are still seeking the release of surface water into existing watercourse ie Plumbers Brook and Crump Farm. LK assured attendees that flooding considerations form part of the planning consultation process and all major developments must meet the conditions of the application. After a discussion regarding grey water systems being implemented for new developments it was confirmed by EA that such a type of system can de-value a property as clients do not necessarily like them, however, once the Hitchins development is finished there will potentially be less surface water then current.	
8.	AOB EA confirmed that a new planning application would be re-submitted to FoDDC in mid-February re; access arrangements. EA will update attendees at the next Flood Meeting and will contact JS to arrange to meet with the Council.	EA to update attendees of the new planning application progress
10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	To be confirmed

Meeting closed at 12.00 noon