

Minutes of the Multi Agency Stakeholder Flood Defence Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in Lydney Town Council Chambers at 11.00 am

**PRESENT:** Brian Pearman, Lydney Town Council **(BP)**  
 Andy Bryant, Watts Group **(AB)**  
 Rose Christodoulides, Lakeside Resident Rep/Lydney Town Council **(RC)**  
 James Fisher, Severn Trent Water **(JF)**  
 David Graham, Gloucestershire CC **(DG)**  
 Laurence King, FoDDC **(LK)**  
 Colin Legg, Lakeside Resident Rep/Lydney Town Council **(CL)**  
 Chris McFarling Forest of Dean District Council **(CM)**  
 Brian Watkins, Gloucestershire County Council Highways/Amey **(BW)**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Carolyn Whittington, Lydney Town Council (Minute Taker)

**APOLOGIES:** C/C Alan Preest **(AP)**, N Manley standing in for Jason Walker, E/A **(JW)**  
 Dawn Morgan, Forest of Dean District Council **(DM)**, Ed Argent **(EA)** J  
 Smailes Lydney Town Council CEO **(JS)**

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b> Cllr Brian Pearman <b>(BP)</b> chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.	
2.	<b>NOTES OF LAST MEETING (31<sup>st</sup> January 2019)</b> Chris McFarling had been referred to as CF on the minutes; this should be corrected as CM. The meeting notes were accepted as a true record.	
3.	<b>MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balancing Pond: BW advised that the Balancing pond is clear, but would benefit from having a grill fitted.</li> <li>• Penstock: DM absent but BW stated vegetation overgrown giving poor access, needs regular maintenance. CM confirmed maintenance schedule in place and will check. LK stated that another access road is planned so no repair work will be done to the bunds, however if no firm plans by the autumn then repairs would need to be addressed.</li> <li>• Trash Screen: CL happy with situation at present but stated that when the grass is cut FoDDC leave the cuttings on the lower land which when the water levels change is picked up and clogs the Trash Screen.</li> <li>• Flow meter testing and monitoring: JF reported the FoDDC monitoring has finished and he has detailed feedback re the budget but not budget information for individual areas, they have detailed information of the scheme for Lydney. RC wished they could extend the monitoring, but it has been done over 10 months. CM asked when the deadline for this would be and JF stated not for approximately 18 months for Application 7 as they are currently still on Application 6, which</li> </ul>	<p><b>BW TO ADVISE OF NEXT SITE MEETING</b></p> <p><b>TO REMAIN AN ITEM AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>CM TO ENSURE CUTTINGS ARE EITHER PLACED ON HIGHER GROUND OR REMOVED WITH EXPLANATION TO CONTRACTORS AS WHY THEY NEED TO DO THIS</b></p> <p><b>JF TO ASK A COLLEAGUE TO ATTEND A FUTURE MEETING TO PROVIDE MONITORING FINDINGS.</b></p> <p><b>JF TO CONFIRM THE</b></p>

	<p>Lydney missed out on. JF will endeavour to get someone higher up to attend a meeting and provide information. CL asked if they cross reference with average rainfall data, JF felt this would be the case, but would report back once confirmed. Laurence King arrived. AB commented Lydney missed out on Application 6 but that monitoring is used in designation of funding – afraid if monitoring was conducting during a good year Lydney would miss out again. JF stated the sewer flows don't alter greatly so it just takes into account the additional rainfall levels. CM asked if climate change was taken into account too. JF said that exceptional circumstance could never be contained and design system would not cope with an exceptional event and so could never be fully prepared for such.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cookson Terrace Dye Testing: LK with proposal with BW has a scheme for the front of the properties to divert the drainage into the Highways system. FoDDC plan to carry out a Level Survey for a gradual system to connect. BW has met with Bendalls and they are happy for highways to clear vegetation to enable the land to be checked and for FoDDC to gain access to assess the situation. BP commented that GCC would welcome a scheme that would work. If it is private drainage at the front of the properties this would be up to the residents to fund. The rear of the properties would fall under Severn Trent. RC stated that historically (speaking with previous residents) there was never a problem with flooding in the casement of the properties. RC asked if it could be confirmed at the bottom end that water was going into Plumbers Brook. Plumbers Brook as a catchment area is a problem. The bypass could have caused the current problems. BP asked if plans could be assessed and asked both BW and CM to attempt to access the original plans and the consultee's response to them.</li> <li>• Mead Lane: Maintenance confirmed and the vegetation sorted. FoDDC and the E/A with the NRV will look at the problem monthly and FoDDC annually. FoDDC will not report back unless there are any problems. If yellow weather warnings they will report. The E/A are checking monthly so they will report problems monthly. Watts Group will report if there are any issues. A method statement is needed from the FoDDC for dredging the water course. DM is in the process of obtaining a method statement.</li> </ul>	<p><b>FINDINGS ARE CROSS REFERENCED WITH AVERAGE RAINFALL DATA.</b></p> <p><b>LK TO REPORT LEVEL RESULTS</b></p> <p><b>BW AND CM TO ACCESS THE ORIGINAL PLANS AND REPORT BACK</b></p> <p><b>DM TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF METHOD STATEMENT ONCE COMPLETED</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>LAKESIDE AVENUE LYDNEY- Report on any outstanding issues.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LK confirmed the Culvert is being laid through granted consent, final breakthrough next month (May). No issues with the pipe work. RC meet with DM as the alignment was not correct, but this has now been clarified as per the consent. LK suggested they could be using the chamber for temporary overpumping, this will be in the method statement. RC asked if once the manhole in place, if it could be confirmed that no other water could be pumped into the chamber. RC is aware 900m pipes</li> </ul>	<p><b>LK &amp; BW ACTIONS RE INSPECTION OF CHAMBERS</b></p>

	<p>have been used but concerned about the amount of piping still on site. LK said there could be an inspection of the chamber upon completion. RC concerned also of the amount of top soil on site and wants to ensure this is not moved to the lower ground. LK said the landscaped design would state the finished levels and could be confirmed as per the plan submitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RC asked about the original culvert at Lakeside: Highways and FoDDC are rechecking all information obtained and will provide a reassurance that FoDDC have correctly mapped.</li> </ul>	<p><b>LK/DM TO RECHECK LEVELS AND REPORT AT NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p><b>DM TO CLARIFY ONCE FULL REPORT COMPLETED</b></p>
5.	<p><b>LYDNEY COMMUNITY FLOOD RESILEENCE PLAN (v8 JUNE 2017) RAIN GUAGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update – Awaiting information from JW (EA)</li> </ul>	<p><b>JW TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE AT NEXT MEETING</b></p>
6.	<p><b>FLOOD WATER RELIEF VIA THE HARBOUR SLUCIE GATES AND MONITORING OF -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George Tomlin of E/A has history of the Sluice Gates. It appears the automation is not connected. The weir manages some water, but with a flash flood the sluice gates could be open. Historically once the gates are opened the levels drop quickly and stabilise the situation. E/A will retain responsibility for Flood Management, upgrading and ensuring the harbour gate work is satisfactorily completed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>REMAIN AS AN AGENDA ITEM WITH REPORTS OR BRIEFING FROM GT</b></p>
7.	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BP Thanked all Individuals and organisations for their involvement and input the last few years.</li> <li>• <b>Next Meeting Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> 2019</b></li> </ul> <p>Meeting closed at 12.02pm</p>	