

Minutes of the Multi Agency Stakeholder Flood Defence Meeting held on Thursday 27th June 2019 in Lydney Town Council Chambers at 11.00 am

PRESENT: Brian Pearman, Lydney Town Council (**BP**)
 Ed Argent Robert Hitchin's (**EA**)
 Andy Bryant, Watts Group (**AB**)
 Rose Christodoulides, Lakeside Resident Rep/Lydney Town Council (**RC**)
 Julia Hall (**GCC**)
 Sue Humm (**GCC**)
 Laurence King, FoDDC (**LK**)
 Dawn Morgan FoDDC (**DM**)
 Alan Preest, Lydney Town Council, District Councillor, County Councillor (**AP**)
 Jayne Smailes CEO Lydney Town Council (**JS**)
 Adam Spiller Persimmon Homes (**AS**)
 Brian Watkins, Gloucestershire County Council Highways/Amey (**BW**)

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

APOLOGIES: David Penfold (DP), Robert Franklin (LPE), Gavin Green (LPE), Colin Legg, Lakeside Resident. Jason Walker (E/A)

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p>WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS Cllr Brian Pearman (BP) chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. BP proposed that a dispensation be given for Rose Christodoulides and Colin Legg Lakeside Residents and Ex Lydney Town Councillors in order they may attend meetings. – Unanimous. Agenda items were taken out of order but are shown as per agenda order.</p>	
2.	<p>APOLOGIES and APPROVAL OF THE NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING (<i>Copy attached</i>) RC highlighted two spelling errors – Item 3: Cookson Terrace, should be basement not casement and Plumbers Brook has two m's The meeting notes were accepted as a true record.</p>	
3.	<p>FLOOD WATER RELIEF VIA THE HARBOUR SLUICE GATES AND MONITORING OF -David Penfold and his colleague Jason Walker were unable to attend the meeting – Item to be Deferred to next meeting. Cllr Preest left the meeting at 11.32am</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING</p>
4.	<p>MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balancing Pond: BW advised that the balancing pond was clear when he visited on 11 June, but would visit again next week due to the June rainfall. BW felt a grid may help prevent debris and BP suggested a price was obtained. • Penstock: DM had assessed bunds on Tuesday (25 June) and confirmed they were working in terms of attenuation. • Flow meter testing and monitoring: It was discussed that data from the recent rainfall would be very useful, it was hoped Severn Trent would provide this at the next meeting. 	<p>BW TO OBTAIN PRICE OF A GRID</p> <p>JF TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING JUNE RAINFALL</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cookson Terrace: BW is currently awaiting contractor to provide date to clear ground at Bendalls to enable the outlet to be traced by camera. LK said that without connection point the main scheme could not progress. BW to provide update between meetings. BW stated that Highways would need evidence that it was a Highways issue. LK made everyone aware the basements are not classed as part of the residential units, hence focusing on sub scheme as the pledged money for E/A will not cover such. • Mead Lane: AB stated Watts yard had flooded, yet again with the sewerage backing up. DM attended site during incident. The NRV's shut so the water levels fell away quickly. The bank sewer was backed up and didn't clear until early afternoon. These are combined sewers and the worry is that additional sewage will be entering it from the new developments. AB reported to Severn Trent but has not received any feedback. If Severn Trent are advised of flooding issues, they have to log them, so reporting is vital. Severn Trent can discharge into the Lyd as often as they wish. Again, the reports from E/A with regard to the rainfall would be interesting to have. 	<p>AB WILL WORK WITH E/A AND KEEP ALL INFORMED</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>LAKESIDE AVENUE LYDNEY- Report on any outstanding issues. Due to the recent flooding at Lakeside Adam Spiller attended the meeting on behalf of Persimmon Homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LK expressed his concern that this was the third incident resulting in water run-off from the Persimmon site since Christmas and therefore he didn't require further explanation as to the problem, instead actions not apologies to prevent continuing issues was required. • AS stated, he had attended a site visit prior to today's meeting and the Chambers were being worked on with continuing work on the culvert direction diversion. DM stated the main issue was the soil being stripped for Phase two, north of the boundary. DM had on several occasions requested that the drainage be in place prior to the soil being stripped. DM showed a map that identified where the run off was funnelled on to the existing land and then connected to the culvert. DM requested confirmation that the new cut off drain extends all the way to the top of the development site. AS to confirm with site manager. RC stated she could see no evidence of trenches or drains being worked on that particular day. AS stated, that work could have been delayed due to anthropology or ecology, BP asked that if this were the case could this be communicated to the agencies in future to ensure everyone was aware. AS asked if he could be copied into all contact made with Persimmon so he could follow up any concerns raised and ensure remedial action was taken. • RC & LK suggested Persimmon talk to local residents and look at the historic evidence in order they are more aware of the 	<p>AS TO CONFIRM THAT THE CUT OFF DRAIN GOES ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP OF THE DEVELOPMENT SITE.</p> <p>AS TO BE COPIED IN ON ALL CONTACT WITH PERSIMMON</p>

	<p>problems that residents have faced. RC asked if Persimmon would consider putting a high screen fence at one property to prevent the area being used as a short cut?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BP/LK asked if Persimmon could provide a communication ladder advising FoDDC/LTC and other agencies who to contact within Persimmon depending on what issue they had. • AP stated that the problems at Lakeside were a catalyst re the formation of the flood defence meetings and felt that all existing agencies now had a good relationship. • Individual cases of flooding were discussed and RC offered photos of the slurry on the paths as a result of Persimmon site run-off. • AS was asked to attend the meeting which was to be held on Wednesday 3rd July at 10.30 at the Council Chamber but is unable to attend and will extend the invite to one of his colleagues and ensure their attendance. • DM showed the 2009 Halcrow report and related drainage plans of the culverts to show what is in the ground. The main culvert does not go all the way down Lakeside. There are gaps at Faller Fields prior to Faller Fields being built), where the culvert goes along Lakeside Drive, due to the gradient it could be another system was set up when Faller Fields was built as it appears not to have been linked to the main drainage system. The diversion is the preferred route. RC queried the size of pipe which is 1200mm and 600mm at the divert. • The size of the drainage at lakeside is 450mm to 600mm then into 900mm. LK confirmed the exercise showed capacity is there on the new diversion and required the input of Highways to discuss how best to address. AS confirmed that the drainage system in Lakeside would be checked/jetted as required. 	<p>AS TO CHECK/REPORT AT NEXT MEETING</p> <p>AS TO CONFIRM COMMUNICATION LADDER</p> <p>BW TO ATTEND A SITE MEETING</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>LYDNEY COMMUNITY FLOOD RESILIENCE PLAN (v8 JUNE 2017) RAIN GAUGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW to arrange a meeting over the next few weeks. The recent rainfall has confirmed that the gauge is working by the levels recorded and this activated alerts. The rapid response sent out a newsletter with advice and contact information. Local residents were asked questions and JS would like to be made aware of the questions. 	<p>JW TO ARRANGE MEETING</p> <p>JW TO PROVIDE QUESTIONS THAT WERE ASKED. TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>JS asked when the highway gullies had been cleared by GCC and BW advised they have yet to be done. JS asked if all gullies in Lydney could be looked at/cleaned as a priority? BW confirmed Lakeside and the Lake area are cleared twice yearly with the rest being checked once a year. If a blockage is encountered then they return to jet wash them.</p> <p>AB advised that water was pushing up out of the manhole cover outside Bream Road School and was unable to establish if the problem was Severn Trent or GCC Highways</p> <p>BP enquired on progress with EA on the new bunds at the Hitchin's</p>	<p>BW TO CONFIRM WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAIN</p>

	development and EA advised they were still waiting planning from FoDDC. EA felt the existing bunds would remain in place over the winter and maintenance would be carried out on them. LK to propose locations for temporary bunds on water course. This is part of the next phase of planning and awaiting FoDDC permission.	LK/DM TO MONITOR
8.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting 26th September 2019 Meeting closed at 12.32pm	
*	Extra Ordinary Meeting to be convened between FoDDC Officers/Stakeholders Wednesday 3 rd July	