

Minutes of the Multi Agency Stakeholder Flood Defence Meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in Lydney Town Council Chambers at 11.00 am

**PRESENT:** Claire Vaughan, Lydney Town Council **(CV)**  
 Andy Bryant, Watts Group **(AB)**  
 Rose Christodoulides, Lakeside Resident Rep **(RC)**  
 David Coulson, Persimmon Homes **(DC)**  
 Liz Fowler, Environment Agency **(LF)**  
 Julia Hall, Gloucestershire County Council **(JH)**  
 James Hill, Persimmon Homes **(J Hill)**  
 Laurence King, FoDDC **(LK)**  
 Chris McFarling, Forest of Dean District Council **(CF)**  
 Andrew Maliphant, Locum Clerk Lydney Town Council **(AM)**  
 Dawn Morgan, FoDDC **(DM)**  
 Alan Preest, Lydney Town Council, District Councillor, County Councillor **(AP)**  
 Peter Siret, Gloucestershire County Council (PS)  
 Brian Watkins, Gloucestershire County Council Highways/Amey **(BW)**  
 Morgan Williams, Persimmon Homes **(MW)**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Colin Legg, Lakeside Resident, Jason Fisher Severn Trent, Ed Argent Robert Hitchin's, Adam Spiller Persimmon Homes.

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b> Cllr Claire Vaughan <b>(CV)</b> chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.	
2.	<b>APOLOGIES and APPROVAL OF THE NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b> <i>(Copy attached)</i> RC corrected agenda item 4 with the pipe size being 600mm and not 450mm as stated. The meeting notes were accepted as a true record.	
3.	<b>FLOOD WATER RELIEF VIA THE HARBOUR SLUICE GATES AND MONITORING OF</b> -David Penfold did not attend the meeting – Item to be deferred to next meeting. AB asked if a report could be sent to the next meeting if David Penfold was unable to attend.	<b>AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING – REPORT REQUESTED IF UNABLE TO ATTEND</b>
4.	<b>MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balancing Pond: BW advised that the last visit was in August, with the next visit due next week. RC said the large bund is overgrown but checking it a few days after the bad weather all was okay. The bund in the copse does not have a lot of water but is covered in silt and mud with water running down the side, rather than the bund. BW will check if anything needs clearing on his next visit.</li> <li>• Penstock: DM advised regular maintenance and management is keeping the track clear with the annual maintenance due at the end of November, they will trim track and ensure all is in order. The stream from copse at attenuation on left hand side</li> </ul>	<b>BW TO REPORT LATEST SITE VISIT</b>

	<p>is coming from penstock, but controlled. LK said the track will be cut and the new grill is being maintained. After the recent rainfall no calls received regarding lack of maintenance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flow meter testing and monitoring: Discussed that the June figures were not a true reflection as mentioned in the previous meeting and as there has been no update regarding the extension of the monitoring it is to remain an agenda item with a written update to the questions if James Fisher unable to attend the next meeting.</li> <li>• Cookson Terrace: LK stated it was flooded this weekend and still didn't know if basements were part of the units. At the rear of the terrace nothing has changed and no consistent level of communication to help form a bid for improvements .DM said front of Cookson Terrace is being dealt with by Wendy Jackson, Regeneration to formalise the parking. This will involve part of the green. DM stated that the issues of drainage could be taken into consideration at the front to maximise the work to benefit the residents. The lake at the rear of the properties continues to be the problem, without clarification from residents LK is unable to do anything. PS asked if there was evidence of foul drainage and DM stated there was no evidence and wasn't aware that Severn Trent had been called out. CV&amp; AP will conduct a walk around to attempt to engage with the residents.</li> <li>• Mead Lane: AB reported that the NRV's were doing their job and with recent rainfall had escaped further problems, with just some surface water in the yard. Lots of vegetation around NRV awaiting update on dredging from George Tomlin Environment agency to understand the Flood Maintenance programme for flood alleviation at Mead Lane. FoDDC own water course behind flood bund and the Environment agency is responsible for clearing outpour. FoDDC want to understand ideas on levels of silt, as hazardous to enter and would require large machinery. Query as to the original maintenance plan when the scheme came into being, DM had made contact but had no response back. LF will chase up. AB said the sluice gates have an effect of reducing the levels at Mead Lane LF will send link of maintenance scheme to LK which is available on the website. LK raised concern that the scheme is creating access problems for third party clearing as difficult to get into. All of which had been raised some time ago but with no response form the E/A.</li> </ul>	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING – REPORT REQUESTED IF UNABLE TO ATTEND</b></p> <p><b>RICH MORGAN TO ATTEND THE JANUARY MEETING</b></p> <p><b>AP TO REPORT ON WALKAROUND</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>LAKESIDE AVENUE LYDNEY- Report on any outstanding issues.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CV read out Ed Argents email see appendix 1</li> <li>• RC stated that historically extra measures for ground work is completed prior to winter. Any additional work would be beneficial to Lakeside as recent events show what can happen. LK confirmed that the bunds were functioning well and content with the functioning over the last 4 weeks of rainfall.</li> <li>• Further work would require a topography survey on the two</li> </ul>	

water courses, which may have already been carried out and a further survey to ensure other bunds in place. FoDDC will look at S106 drainage but they need to be realistic as to what further work could be done. Financially they are unable to raise expectations. If other work was achievable, further S106 money could be released, but authority mindful the money has to extend to the future. RC thanked them for the work done.

- PS confirmed there was a £150 million Highways and Flood Resilience programme over a 5-year term but primarily for Highways not Flood. LK has looked at the E/A Direction Fund but would be looking at hard engineering measures such as the National Flood Management opportunities.
- The Persimmon Representative confirmed that the cut off drain went along the PROW boundary to the top of the estate.
- The Persimmon Representative stated that a sizeable area had been stripped to create a flow to the ditch. LK stated that the reactive works feeds into the filter drain and there is silt in the filter drain which has problems being maintained. Anthropology has been part signed off with the middle section waiting to be signed off.
- LK expressed concern that the FoDDC had spent so much time at Lakeside and advised Persimmon that they need to have a preventative plan in place.
- RC expressed concern that each time there is a problem it moves the flooding to a different area of Lakeside with one resident who has lived there for 40 years never having experienced a problem until now.
- A bund is needed to hold back and contain all the water on site. The site needs protection along the whole of the boundary of the bungalows.
- Persimmon have offered to jet wash each time it rains.
- LK advised County Council have surface water management plans on future planning in place prior to anthropology. FoDDC will see what measure they can put into place on site if problems keep occurring.
- The Persimmon Representative stated a land drain had been put in and DM visited last week. Some areas were silted up due to the recent rainfall.
- J Hill stated that another bund could be added up site which would be a robust feature.
- LK stated silt trap coming off stripped area to catch water, with more bales ordered as current ones soggy, suggesting they may require emptying more regularly. Daily inspections are being made to ensure the filter drain is visible.
- RC stated that last week water was lying on the cut off drain and not going through FoDDC to consider if the filter drain will be adequate going forward due to the amount of stripped area.
- RC asked for confirmation if the level where the compound is has been checked as residents feel it is built higher than the golf course. DM has not spoke with the Landscape Officer

	regarding the levels. The final levels are approved by the landscape officer at FoDDC.	
6.	<p><b>LYDNEY COMMUNITY FLOOD RESILIENCE PLAN (v8 JUNE 2017) RAIN GUAGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JW was not able to attend the meeting and CM requested it continue as an agenda item to obtain a full report on the early warning system and the emergency plans in place.</li> </ul>	<p><b>JW TO PROVIDE QUESTIONS THAT WERE OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND CONTINUE AS AN AGENDA ITEM TO PROVIDE A FULL REPORT</b></p>
7.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>AB stated that behind Newerne Street carpark there are a number of trees across the water course, with a number on the river bank classed as dangerous and a potential flood risk. PS advised the trees should be reported on the 0800 number. GCC will look at the situation, but it also needs reporting to the Environment Agency to obtain a reference number adding weight once reported.</p> <p>LK advised that if you can identify the owner to E/A and the fell risk the E/A will carry out an enforcement. LF confirmed the E/A is a reporting route with each report case specific. The time frame for a site inspection is dependent on the risk deemed by the E/A, if not a high risk but potential to come down the E/A will contact the owners. LF confirmed that the E/A do send out letters and do enforce. AB stated he had reported this some time ago to the E/A and although chased up has never received a response. AB asked JF to confirm if it had been inspected.</p> <p>PS suggested AB email GCC and a check would be made with the property team to confirm who was responsible.</p>	<p><b>E/A TO CONFIRM THAT AN INSPECTION OF THE RIVER LYD BEHIND THE NEWERNE STREET CARPARK HAD TAKEN PLACE</b></p>
8.	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Next Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b></li> </ul> <p>Meeting closed at 12.28pm</p>	