

Minutes of the Multi Agency Stakeholder Flood Defence Meeting held on Thursday 27th September 2018 in Lydney Town Council Chambers at 11.00 am

PRESENT: B Pearman, Lydney Town Council **(BP)**
 Rose Christodoulides, Lakeside Resident Rep/Lydney Town Council **(RC)**
 Jayne Smailes, Lydney Town Council **(JS)**
 Bob Berryman, Lydney Town Council **(BB)**
 Dawn Morgan, Forest of Dean District Council **(DM)**
 Chris McFarling Forest of Dean District Council **(CM)**
 Brian Watkins, Gloucestershire County Council Highways/Amey **(BW)**
 Tom Barrett, Gloucestershire County Council **(TB)**
 Peter Siret, Gloucestershire County Council **(PS)**
 Sophie Reid, Forest of Dean District Council **(SR)**
 Andy Bryant Watts Group
 Jason Fisher Severn Trent **(JF)**

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

APOLOGIES: Helen Richards GCC
 Laurence King, FoDDC
 Alan Preest, Lydney Town Council
 Colin Legg, Lakeside Resident Rep/Lydney Town Council
 Robert Frankton Lydney Park Estate
 Alex Robertson Lydney Park Estate
 Gavin Green Lydney Park Estate

ITEM		ACTION
1.	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS Cllr Brian Pearman (BP) chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.	
2.	NOTES OF LAST MEETING (27th June 2018) An amendment to item 3 – Penstock – FoDDC is responsible for Penstock. The meeting notes were accepted as a true record.	
3.	MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BW apologised that not everyone was advised of his visit to the Balancing Pond. BW undertakes a site visit on the first Wednesday of every other month. November 7th is the next scheduled visit at 10.00am then Bi monthly. Anyone wishing to attend to advise BW direct. • BW stated that the trees had grown up and that it was half full on the outlet. A revised work schedule has been put in place to have it cleaned out and the trees cut by the end of October 2018 at the latest. The expenditure for this has been committed by Highways. • Penstock – DM confirmed a maintenance programme was in place for Penstock and that FoDDC have access to the valve and railings on the water course which is all forms part of the scheduled maintenance programme. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BW stated that Penstock was not part of Highways, but that he would undertake a site visit with DM. DM advised there are H & S issues with parking, raised by UBICO. DM advised checks are made on yellow weather warning. BW will do visual inspection frequently in line with the warnings also. A large log has been removed further up bank. It was felt that a marker stick is needed on the verge to gauge depth. UBICO have strimmed access to the path. • Trash Screen – DM to send Watercourse and Trash Screen schedule to LTC. UBICO will cut vegetation but will not remove from full stretch of the watercourse. They do however move debris/cuttings to higher ground to prevent Trash Screen blockage. FoDDC is responsible for the whole of the watercourse and will be doing further work Oct/Nov 2018 time. There is a 20-metre access to Penstock this time of year. JS stated that the water course by Poppies also needed clearing. Riparian ownership to be ascertained. DM confirmed FoDDC owns the boundary of the Carpark, the remainder is part Lydney Rugby Club and householders. A tree has fallen down and needs clearing by the Rugby Club of which parties involved are aware of • Dye Testing – Dye testing for Mead Lane/Church Rd/Station Road was arranged but cancelled at the last minute. JF to contact JS with new dates and to find out how it was conducted last time. DM requested information as to who to liaise with in respect of the site meeting – AB advised he would co-ordinate. <p>Gully cleaning at Cookson Terrace –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is classified as one of the worst sites in the district for flooding by GCC. A survey was conduct at the beginning of July 2018, there was one major issue with the road crossing, which has now been repaired. The problem appears to be on private land and Highways culverts/drains don't connect to system so GCC do not know where the water goes. GCC have no money for any works this financial year. The figures would be estimated at 80 to 90K, the District Council could commit 10K which would leave E/A to match the difference. GCC Could not commit to any expenditure this financial year, suggesting the earliest would be late Summer/Autumn 2019, resources dependant. More feedback from residents would be helpful to lend weight to the case and as they are listed properties. DC Alan Preest to speak with Bernard Smith and other officers in the GCC Flood Department to prioritize the works at Cookson Terrace. • RC questioned the commitment of £150 million to be spent locally on flood risk and potholes and pointed out that this is the worst case in the FoDDC District and was a public health 	<p>AB TO ARRANGE A DYE TEST AND ALL PARTIES TO ATTEND</p> <p>DM TO ENSURE £10k IS COMMITTED TOWARDS WORKS AT COOKSON TERRACE FOR 2019/2020</p> <p>AP TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH GCC FLOOD DEPARTMENT</p>
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	<p>Issue. JS stated this has been minuted for the last three years as a concern. BP said clarification was need on the £150 million. CM suggested evidence is collected before presenting the issue to GCC. BP suggested everyone needs to be involved early on to see that the money is justified, BW stated that the £150 million was a Capital Budget over 5 years and not all of it was new money and that it was a competitive process and the real problem needs to be identified with a solution then put forward to enable a bid to be considered for the next financial year. JS asked if a register of interest could be submitted with indicative cost and firmed up once a full assessment has taken place?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cookson Terrace is thought to be on a private drainage system and is linked to the Lake, with no outfall, - a historic problem. Flood gates/NRV's would prevent the water from running back. 	<p>BW/DM TO ARRANGE A DYE TEST AND ALL PARTIES TO ATTEND</p>
4.	<p>FLOOD ALLEVIATION WORKS AT LAKESIDE AVENUE, LYDNEY DM's report was circulated prior to the meeting. The budget for Lakeside has now been spent in full but this is not necessarily the end of the work. Consideration is to be given to re-development North of Crump Farm, and amended plans have been submitted for the use of the Duck Pond as part of "balancing" system. The work is not classed as major and will be under £10K. RC asked if the second bund could be moved, GCC stated they were monitoring any alterations to drainage plans. The Highway itself would provide a more solid bund but FoDDC/GCC agreed that plans needed to be monitored.</p>	
5.	<p>LYDNEY COMMUNITY FLOOD RESILIENCE PLAN (V8 June 2017)/RAIN GUAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JS advised that JW had promised someone would attend this meeting, however no apologies for absence had been received. JS confirmed the rain gauge had been installed and was working. The gauge & contact details are to be added to the Emergency Plan to ensure they are the same. A meeting with FoDDC is to be arranged in order that codes and text/email alerts maybe set up. Information then disseminated. 	<p>JS TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH FoDDC- KAREN RUSHWORTH and JW</p>
6.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DM introduced Sophie Reid, a Publica Employee working across 3 sites, 3 days a week, previously a volunteer. Based at Coleford and assisting DM and the 3 Districts. • RC stated that Oakdale was in the 2nd Phase and DM to monitor the drainage to ensure no revisions are made. PS to monitor also. • JS enquired to the cost of a floodgate, DM confirmed that one for a graded property would cost approx. £800 installed. 	
7.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING 11pm November 22nd 2018 Meeting closed at 12.08 pm</p>	