

Minutes of the Multi Agency Stakeholder Flood Defence Meeting held on Thursday 28th June 2018 in Lydney Town Council Chambers at 11.00 am

PRESENT: Colin Legg, Lakeside Resident Rep/Lydney Town Council - Chairman **(CL)**
 Rose Christodoulides, Lakeside Resident Rep/Lydney Town Council **(RC)**
 Jayne Smailes, Lydney Town Council **(JS)**
 Alan Preest, Lydney Town Council **(AP)**
 Craig Bayliss, Severn Trent **(CB)**
 Dawn Morgan, Forest of Dean District Council **(DM)**
 Chris McFarling Forest of Dean District Council **(CM)**
 Andy Watchman **(AW)**
 Ed Argent, Robert Hitchins **EA)**
 Martin Young Environment Agency **(MY)**
 Jason Walker, Environment Agency **(JW)**
 Brian Pearman, Lydney Town Council **(BP)**

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

APOLOGIES: Robert Franklin, Lydney Park Estate
 Bob Berryman, Lydney Town Council
 Laurence King, FoDDC
 Brian Watkins, Gloucestershire County Council Highways/Amey

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p>WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS Cllr Brian Pearman (BP) chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.</p>	
2.	<p>NOTES OF LAST MEETING (22 March 2018) The meeting notes were accepted as a true record.</p>	
3.	<p>MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BW confirmed via email that he would be visiting the Balancing Pond late August/Early September and anyone was welcome to attend. AP,BP,RC & CL all expressed an interest in visiting the site with BW. • Discussions took place regarding the Balancing Pond and it was noted that there was no truth in the rumours that the Balancing Pond will no longer be maintained by GCC. Robert Hitchins had left the Balancing Pond out of schedule but this was not suggesting that it would not be maintained. • Penstock – Not necessarily FoDDC responsibility, DM stated it needed to be looked at and inspected annually. 	<p>JS TO ADVISE THE DATE OF SITE MEETING OF BALANCING POND TO ALL WHO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST.</p> <p>FoDDC TO CONFIRM IF UNDER A</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of a tree in water - noted • When there is a yellow warning Trash Screen is checked/cleared as necessary. Rubbish clearance scheduled for Oct/Nov, to include clearing penstock if necessary. All rubbish to be taken away from site. • The land adjacent belongs to the Estate – UBCO to include in their cutting schedule and JS suggested a twice yearly cut with the cuttings being taken away. The flood bund which is to be incorporated in the new plan will no longer be FoDDC responsibility. Robert Hitchins will leave the Bund or incorporate it in the new road which will be maintained by a private maintenance company when RH leave site. <p>The smaller bund will be subject to annual inspections from FoDDC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mead Land Culvert Bunds are subject to Environment Agency involvement and forms part of their maintenance schedule. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the area was being cut by the E/A but now it appears not to be. • BP suggested a site meeting with George Tomlins for all to be involved. • Confirmation required that the non-return valve (NRV) that the valve does work. Consideration was given to the fact that the rain fall at Mead Lane has nowhere to go, it does form part of the flood defence but not the combined drainage, therefore no flood protection. JS suggested a dye test. <p>Cllr Preest excused himself from the meeting at this point.</p>	<p>MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME ALREADY AND TO ADVISE OF ACTION IF NOT</p> <p>BW TO INSPECT PENSTOCK AND ADVISE</p> <p>DM TO ACTION REGARDING CUTTING SCHEDULE AND REMOVING CUTTINGS TO HIGHER LAND</p> <p>JW TO SEND COPY OF MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE TO DW</p> <p>JW TO EMAIL WITH DATES FOR JS TO CIRCULATE</p> <p>SEVERN TRENT TO UNDERSTAND WHERE IT IS COMING FROM. CB TO CHASE UP FLOOD METERS.</p>
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	Gully cleaning at Cookson Terrace -	BW HIGHWAYS TO DO MORE INVESTIGATIONS
4.	FLOOD ALLEVIATION WORKS AT LAKESIDE AVENUE, LYDNEY	
5.	<p>LYDNEY COMMUNITY FLOOD RESILIENCE PLAN (V8 June 2017)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JW stated that there was no follow. • Rain Gauge - JW confirmed that LTC would be contacted at the point that triggers were set. Location still to be confirmed due to network signal being required, but the Dean Forest Railway appeared to have a good signal. • It will be maintained by a hydraulic system with predetermined levels set. Text alerts would be sent out. E/A need time to get message right. • Anyone could access and log in to the website and find information under historical data. • FoDDC will have the responsibility of the rain gauge, but eh E/A will be paying for the first two years, following which ownership wil pass to LTC to maintain. 	
6.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JS asked about inspections on weight bearing bridges. Severn Trent inspect their bridges annually. 	JS TO SNED DETAILS TO SEVERN TREENT OF TENNIS BRIDGE.
7.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	TBC for September

Meeting closed at 12.05 PM