

Notes of the Multi Agency Stakeholder Flood Defence Meeting held on
**Wednesday 1st November 2023 at the Lydney Town Council,
 Council Chambers, High Street, Lydney**

PRESENT: Chair, Carol Harris, Lydney Town Council **(CH)**
 Joe Baker, GCC Strategic Flood Risk **(JB)**
 Nathan Choat, Local Highways Manager **(NC)**
 Rose Christodoulides, Lakeside Resident Rep **(RC)**
 Tom Curwell, Environment Agency **(TC)**
 Cllr Alan Preest, Gloucestershire County Council **(AP)**
 Cllr Andrew McDermid, Forest of Dean District Council **(AM)**
 Alex Thrift, Forest of Dean District Council **(AT)**
 Cllr Chris McFarling, Forest of Dean District Council **(CM)**
 Michael Greenfield, Town Clerk, (Note Taker) **(MG)**

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p>WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS Cllr Carol Harris (CH) chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. Cllr Alan Preest commented that he would need to leave by 2.15pm.</p>	
2.	<p>APOLOGIES and APPROVAL OF THE NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING Apologies had been received from: Max Fitzpatrick, Severn Trent, Andy Bryant, Watts Group Lydney and John Thurston, Watts Group Lydney</p>	
3.	<p>NOTES OF LAST MEETING The Notes of the meeting held 26th January 2023 were noted. It was noted that a meeting occurred in April 2023, but the notes were unavailable.</p>	
4.	<p>ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA None</p>	
	<p>As there was no agenda the Chairman held a general discussion, based on the previous notes and the emerging issues regarding flood risks to Lydney.</p> <p>The notes are a summary of the discussions</p>	
5.	<p>GCC CO-ORDINATED PROJECT UPDATE</p> <p>Joe Baker updated the meeting on various issues and undertook a presentation of the work.</p> <p>1). Atkins work – Joe Baker updated the meeting on various issues</p> <p>Any work being undertaken has to minimise flood risks.</p> <p>2). Lakeside Avenue work – Joe Baker updated the meeting on various issues</p> <p>JB undertook a presentation of data and maps linked to Lydney.</p> <p>Baseline suggests that there were 51 properties at risk, at sites A&B. Remedial work has been undertaken and there are now 28 properties at risk, as less water flow off the site in question.</p>	

<p>Modelling of the culvert around Cambourne Place is occurring, to mitigate against further risks. There is one property at risk. Culverts need to be kept clear to prevent flooding.</p> <p>GCC is working with the developers (Robert Hitchins/Pheonix Designs) on Plumbers Brook modelling of culverts and to further communicate that the culverts need to be kept clear to reduce flooding.</p> <p>Attenuation (Balancing Ponds etc.) was discussed and it was identified that one is located before Lakeside, by the bypass. Flooding of the bypass has been historic from the solar farm development.</p> <p>It was commented that this was due to planning matters from FoDDC and that GCC Officers have been trying to rectify the issues</p> <p>It was commented that attenuation must not increase flood risks to the local area and that appropriate drainage is required.</p> <p>JB commented that the attenuation ponds are all overground (ground level).</p> <p>Attenuation ponds were discussed further and FoDDC have a 'Pre-Construction Management' process to ensure that developers meet the necessary requirements.</p> <p>GCC commented that they have a list of attenuation ponds that they maintain alongside a schedule for the works.</p> <p>GCC to check attenuation ponds for the new estate and find out who has responsibility for them. The information is to be provided to LTC for cascading.</p> <p>Cllr Alan Preest left the meeting at 2.15pm</p> <p>CH commented that FoDDC need to notify LTC about the attenuation ponds/culverts as it has an impact on the local community. The council will then be better informed to comment and or object, based on identified material considerations.</p> <p>CH discussed an on-line planning training event she attended on 31.10.23, which CM also attended.</p> <p>JB commented on software called AMEX, which is used by GCC to identify gully's/culvers/ponds etc.</p> <p>The programme can also be used to identify different tree species and programme in when work need to occur in various locations. The programme is still being built by FoDDC and GCC and once up and running it will be an invaluable tool.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">GCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">FODDC</p>
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3). **To Oaks –**

MG commented on the flooding occurring at the Oaks and sought guidance on the most appropriate approaches to the issues.

It was identified that LTC has already undertaken work around the area in identifying appropriate drainage and uncovering a drainage system. However, a part of the drainage system is not on council land and cannot be accessed, without further investigation by the landowner.

TC commented that the Land Drainage Act 1991 may be helpful, as there were on-going issues.

Management Committees who have responsibility for attenuation was discussed, relating to new estates, but that will be under the remit of the developer, and not LTC/FoDDC/GCC.

4). **Upstream Natural Flood Management (NFM) - Joe Baker updated the meeting on various issues**

GCC have identified operations at the harbour.

£35k of NFM work has been undertaken so far.

JB commented that on 17th November there is a meeting scheduled with EA and GCC on NFM and a lot of work is already occurring in the catchment area.

It was commented that some houses on Lakeside are experiencing flooding, due to inappropriate drainage. Drainage levels need to be built up at one end and the FoDDC will be highlighting this further with developers.

It was further commented that any enforcement by FoDDC will be through the Flood Officers of FoDDC.

Flooding was discussed and MG commented that 40 sandbags have been provided to residents around Lakeside Avenue.

It was discussed that additional sandbags could be provided.

MG commented that this would be an immediate action

MG left the meeting 3.05pm

MG returned 3.07pm

MG commented that he had organised for the delivery of additional sandbags for Lakeside Avenue, for 02.11.23

MG

	<p>Lydney Rapid Response</p> <p>CM commented on a meeting held in October 2023 with GCC, Forestry Commission, and Environment Agency. The Local Resilience Form had input into the Lydney Flood Plan, which requires updating, as Lydney could suffer from catastrophic flooding.</p> <p>It was commented that residents need to be engaged in the planning, as they are directly affected by the issues.</p> <p>The EA's flood resilience team are currently planning to undertake a door knock of properties that are highlighted as being at risk within the Rapid Response Catchment Designation that covers the Lyd and Cinderford Brook catchments, this is to highlight the risks of being located within the areas identified as being at the greatest risk.</p> <p>£25m was available from a national grant for natural flood management, but the application process is now closed.</p> <p>TC to provide letters to LTC for distribution across various social media networks.</p> <p>TC mentioned an EA site where residents can view water gauges.</p> <p>This application provides access to Environment Agency open hydrology data: river flow, river level, rainfall and groundwater level readings for open hydrometric stations and water quality data from our water quality units for open and historic sites throughout England.</p> <p>See link Hydrology Data Explorer</p> <p><i>Due to the main focus of the meeting being on the above discussion the rest of the points are incorporated into the meeting notes.</i></p>	<p>TC</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>AGENCY REPORTS</p> <p>A. <u>Environment Agency</u> As above</p> <p>B. <u>Severn Trent:</u> No representative</p> <p>C. <u>FoDDC</u> As above</p> <p>D. <u>Highways Maintenance Programme:</u> As above</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>STAKE HOLDER GROUP UPDATES:</p> <p>A. <u>Residents:</u> As above</p> <p>B. <u>Business Groups:</u></p>	

	No representative C. <u>Environmental</u> : AS above <u>Other parties present</u> :	-
8.	CORRESPONDENCE AND A.O.B None	-
9.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: CH thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions. Wednesday 6th March 2024 Lydney Town Council, Council Chambers Time: 1.30pm	
	Meeting ended 3.32pm	

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