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PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Lydney Town Council Responds to Damage at Newerne Street Bridge

Lydney Town Council is aware of the significant damage to Newerne Street Bridge, which was caused by an allegedly speeding vehicle (02.12.24). This has caused considerable disruption in the town, and we understand the concern it may raise for businesses, residents and visitors.

Please rest assured that we have been in contact with Gloucestershire Highways, various relevant authorities, including the police who are following up with their investigations and are fully aware of the situation.

We are actively working with these authorities to address the damage and minimise the impact on our town, businesses, and residents.

The Mayor Tasha Saunders commented:

“Arriving at work this morning, I was devastated to receive the call that the bridge was struck overnight by a driver who appears to have ignored all the road notices. Tragically, the vehicle hit the weakest part of the bridge—the very section we saw water pouring through last Sunday.”

It is heart-breaking to see that all the tireless efforts from our community to protect the bridge have been in vain.

My deepest concern now is for the businesses in our town, which were already grappling with the effects of flooding and the closure of the bridge. While we were still awaiting the safety report for the bridge, it is clear that this event has made an already fragile situation much worse.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work together to resolve this matter.”

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For Further information please contact Michael Greenfield – Town Clerk

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