

Minutes of the Multi Agency Stakeholder Flood Defence Meeting held on Thursday 28th September 2017 in Lydney Town Council Chambers at 11.00 am

PRESENT: Cllr Brian Pearman, Lydney Town Council (**BP**)
 Cllr Rose Christodoulides, Lakeside Resident Rep/Lydney Town Council (**RC**)
 Jayne Smailes, Lydney Town Council (**JS**)
 Dawn Morgan, Forest of Dean District Council (**DM**)
 Peter Siret, Gloucestershire County Council (**PS**)
 Naveen Tangri, Gloucestershire County Council (**NT**)
 Chris McFarling Forest of Dean District Council (**CM**)
 Andrew Bryant, Watts Group (**AB**)
 Martin Young, Environment Agency (**MY**)
 Jason Walker, Environment Agency (**JW**)

IN ATTENDANCE: Sharon Lanfear, Admin Assistant, Lydney Town Council (Minute Taker)

APOLOGIES: Karen Rushworth, Colin Legg and Brian Watkins

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p>WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS Cllr Brian Pearman (BP) chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.</p>	
2.	<p>NOTES OF LAST MEETING (15 June 2017) The meeting notes were accepted as a true record.</p>	
3.	<p>ATTENUATION MEASURES BP requested update from GCC Highways/Amey regarding the maintenance programme for attenuation pond by the A48 bypass be deferred as Brian Watkins had been unable to attend the meeting, apologies received. DM provided photographs re: culvert/attenuation measure at rear of Lakeside Avenue. DM informed attendees that the culvert will be maintained by the Forest of Dean District Council who will monitor the culvert when there is a yellow weather warning and will continue to maintain the culvert as necessary. RC spoke of her concerns over the access to the culvert and asked DM if she could advise how residents can check the water levels of the said culvert. DM advised residents not to enter the culvert area if a yellow warning is in place because of Health and Safety concerns. DM advised that the safest access route to the culvert at present was over land owned by Robert Hitchins but will look into the matter and report back at the next meeting. JS stressed to DM the importance of a formal agreement between FODDC and Robert Hitchins to access the culvert for ongoing maintenance and asked whether the land would be in 'open space' maintained by FoDDC once the developer has finished on site.</p>	<p>Action: BW to provide maintenance programme at next meeting.</p> <p>Action: DM to confirm access to the culvert and to investigate formal agreement with Robert Hitchins in order that FODDC may continue to maintain the culvert.</p>

4.	<p>MEAD LANE</p> <p>BP informed attendees of his scheduled meeting with Gloucestershire County Council on 18th October, the meeting is to discuss the development scheme.</p> <p>AB noted that a maintenance scheme for Mead Lane culvert was not currently in place and asked how the culvert would cope in severe weather, AB also asked who the land owner was and would they be responsible for the maintenance on the culvert.</p> <p>BP added that the culvert would need a yearly maintenance schedule and he would further enquiries and report back to attendees at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Action: BP to look into who the land owner is to ensure they maintain the culvert at Mead Lane as part of their riparian responsibility.</p>
5.	<p>LYDNEY COMMUNITY FLOOD RESILIENCE PLAN (V8 June 2017)</p> <p>JS updated attendees concerning the V8 June 2017, Flood Resilience Plan. JS noted the version required significant amendments and that Lydney Town Council employees did not have the expertise to progress the draft further. MY informed attendees that he has a meeting with KR (FoDDC) toward the end of October and would invite a member from Lydney to attend. MY gave a commitment that following said meeting the EA would look to complete Lydney's Community Flood Reserve Plan.</p> <p>CM requested that he also be informed of any future meetings.</p> <p>JW felt that finalising the Lydney plan would be simple to complete following the meeting.</p>	<p>Action: JS to confirm Flood Defence Meeting and to invite Chris McFarling</p> <p>Action: MY to complete Lydney's Community Flood Resilience Plan.</p>
6.	<p>FLOOD RESILIENCE PLANNING</p> <p>BP advised that Lydney Town Council are happy with the information provided regarding Lydney Flood Zones but felt that the Forest of Dean District Council Planning Department needed to liaise with the E/A and Lydney Town Council closer to improve the process for future planning applications and to prevent planning applications not being approved when the flood zone mapping had already been identified as an indicator and not necessarily a preventative document.</p> <p>RC requested that when a planning application goes to committee at FoDDC near to watercourses, it be taken into consideration that alternative watercourses to Lakeside be used due to prior flooding in this area.</p> <p>NT referred to a plan which had been provided and explained that the current water courses had been improved and that 42% of flood water was directed to Plumbers watercourse and 58% directed to Lakeside watercourse and that this was a 'betterment' of Lakeside watercourses.</p> <p>PS added that any future developers have no obligations to ensure there is a 'betterment' for future sites; a point contested by JS on the strength of Lydney's NDP Policy which was a Statutory Planning Document.</p>	<p>Action: DM to establish what weight is given to Lydney Gen 1 by FoDDC Planning Department when considering such matters.</p> <p>PS – To do likewise and to confirm at next meeting GCCs stance given it is the 'lead' Flood Authority</p>
7.	<p>FLY TIPPING</p> <p>BP noted that fly tipping was still an issue</p>	

8.	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>RC informed attendees that a local resident had reported trees growing out of culverts at Lakeside, which remained a concern to residents who had experienced flooding. DM stated that she would investigate and report back to attendees. BP added that one culvert in the area had been decommissioned and the he believed the access was over private land owned by MMC.</p> <p>JS asked if there was any available grant funding which Lydney Town Council could apply for to help towards the costs of clearing both sides of the Lyd banks which start in the Town of Lydney and run through Trust Ground to the Albony Bridge. CM asked that JS make contact to apply for funding.</p>	<p>Action: DM to investigate the culverts and report back</p> <p>JS to apply for funding towards the costs of Lyd bank clearance</p> <p>CM to further funding application</p>
10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	To be confirmed

Meeting closed at 12.00 noon