

Minutes of the Multi Agency Stakeholder Flood Defence Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 in Lydney Town Council Chambers at 11.00 am

PRESENT: Walter Leach, Lydney Town Council **(WL)**
 Joe Baker, GCC **(JB)**
 Andy Bryant, Watts Group **(AB)**
 Rose Christodoulides, Lakeside Resident Rep **(RC)**
 N Coulson, Persimmon Homes **(NC)**
 Ross Farrington, FoDDC **(RF)**
 J Fisher, Severn Trent Water **(JF)**
 Liz Fowler, Environment Agency **(LF)**
 James Hill, Persimmon Homes **(JH)**
 Dave Kent, Clerk Lydney Town Council **(DK)**
 Laurence King, FoDDC **(LK)**
 R Lloyd, GCC **(RL)**
 R McClean, Severn Trent **(RMC)**
 R Sweeny, Severn Trent **(RS)**
 Dawn Morgan, FoDDC **(DM)**
 R Morgan FoDDC **(RM)**
 Peter Siret, Gloucestershire County Council **(PS)**
 J Walker, Environment Agency **(JW)**
 Brian Watkins, Gloucestershire County Council Highways/Amey **(BW)**
 Morgan Williams, Persimmon Homes **(MW)**
 Environment Agency **(E/A)**. Gloucestershire County Council **(GCC)**
 Forest of Dean District Council **(FoDDC)** Severn Trent **(ST)**

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

APOLOGIES: Colin Legg, Lakeside Resident, Alan Preest, Town Council, District Councillor, County Councillor, Louis Arnold, Lydney Town Council, Chris McFarling FoDDC

ITEM		ACTION
1.	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS Cllr Walter Leach (WL) chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.	
2.	APOLOGIES and APPROVAL OF THE NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING <i>(Copy attached)</i> The meeting notes were accepted as a true record.	
3.	PRESENTATION FROM RICH MORGAN REGENERATION FoDDC & RICHARD LLOYD GCC HIGHWAYS re DESTINATION LYDNEY HARBOUR RM advised that funding was received from the Coastal Community Fund to improve Lydney Harbour. Lydney Town Council NDP had wanted to address improvements to visitor experience. RM stated there will be a café, with 2 buildings converted into public toilets and a visitors' information point with an art-based walking trail. Public art work will be displayed on the roundabout on the way to the Harbour. GCC have been asked to add street lights as well as completely resurfacing the road to the Harbour and will landscape and plant the right-hand side verges approaching the Harbour. The	

	<p>regeneration also hopes to address the long-term parking issues at Cookson Terrace and Railway Terrace. A project to build and display a Skiff (traditional small river fishing boat) hoped to be incorporated. The funding is to be spent by March 2021. RL is aware that a great deal of the work is Highways based. A new footpath will be provided together with a possible speed restriction along Harbour Road, subject to consultation.</p> <p>DM has been looking into the highways drainage and felt this would be good to incorporate improved drainage at the same time. There is potential to raise kerbs and prevent surface water overflow. The grass land at the front of Cookson Terrace is in split ownership and the drainage could be improved in that area, however FoDDC have been unable to make contact with the landowner.</p> <p>The highways water drains into the lake and the surface water drains into the basement, funding could only be obtained for the water discharging onto the front of the properties. It would be preferable if the water was fed into the brook and then the Harbour.</p> <p>For this to be incorporated in the Harbour regeneration the residents would need to fund the work to the private drainage as FoDDC are unable to. PS stressed it would be too good a potential to miss, to complete the drainage at the same time as the regeneration.</p>	<p>FODDC TO MAKE RICHARD MORGAN AWARE OF THE COSTS TO RESIDENTS</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>FLOOD WATER RELIEF VIA THE HARBOUR SLUICE GATES AND MONITORING OF - AB asked if the Lake floods does this then flood the Lyd, with the back-up effect. LK suggested the focus is to look at the Flood Plan. LF advised that the Costal Community Team have put in a bid with DEFRA which will look at new gates and desilting the Harbour. AB stated regarding the flooding at Mead Lane he put a request in for the sluice gates to be opened last Wednesday and that opening them made a difference all the way up the River Lyd. A further request had been made of opening the gates but unsure if they were that time. RC was aware of the Wednesday opening of the gates and visited the bridge over the Lyd where the water levels were up high, on revisiting the next morning the levels had dropped dramatically. The gates were shut later that evening due to the high tide.</p> <p>AB requested that he have some feedback regarding the monitoring of the gates. RC asked if there were any negatives with opening the gates. LF was only aware of the tidal issue. Originally a scheme was trialled for Flood monitoring working with the tides. Each incident should be emailed to the Environment Agency. Monitoring the system allows for the gates to be opened. The monitoring station part way up Forest Road is opened when needed to allow the water to flow through. E/A has access to water levels in the Lyd so they can open and close the gates and monitor the rise decrease. LK asked if the gates were an E/A asset. LF believes they are but will clarify. LF confirmed E/A would remain in control of the structure after the harbour sale.</p>	<p>E/A TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK RE MONITORING OF THE GATES.</p> <p>LF TO CONFIRM IF GATES ARE AN E/A ASSET</p> <p>E/A TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF BENEFITS TO OPENING THE GATES</p>

	<p>known problem areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mead Lane: Combined sewage outflows need to be monitored along Mead Lane to Church Road. They are allowed to back up when they know they have issues, this causes problems at Mead Lane. ST have a monitor in place and E/A are looking at it in confines of their permit. JW asked if it add weight to high risk, ST replied that only if risk to life will it be taken into account. E/A will liaise information to ST. JF and AB meeting tomorrow. • Cookson Terrace: Discussed in Agenda item 3. 	
6.	<p>LAKESIDE AVENUE LYDNEY- Report on any outstanding issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC read out Ed Argents response from last meeting, LK stressed there is no money in the lakeside budget. Future spend will be reliant on S106. Bunds are in place with remedial action completed this autumn. • RC stated that part of S106 was for a 20-year maintenance programme LK stated any further money would have to be funded from GCC or elsewhere. • The first archaeology strip created the problem on the Persimmon site, but a bund has been created to allow for the majority of the run off. JH stated he had jetted out silt form the system as an extra prevention. Checks are done weekly and daily after each heavy rainfall. • The hay bales were changed before Christmas and will be changed again soon. • MW that they had finished stripping the site for the foreseeable future, although not all signed off. • The problems incurred on this site have shown that stripping large clay sites are not the way to proceed in future and would be beneficial if GCC archaeology were aware of this. PS said they should still make sure enough drainage and that lessons were learned with regard to the Construction Phase Management Plan. Persimmon working with FoDDC regarding a robust method. PS stated that the developer has to make sure that it won't impact other properties on site. DM suggested that GRCC archaeology are invited to an Engineering meeting. • RC was pleased to see that things were quieter on the site. RC thought the cut off drain near No 100 was covered clay. The bund at the property side of the workshop appears to have been effective. NC stated the cut off drain is permanent. 	
7.	<p>LYDNEY COMMUNITY FLOOD RESILENCE PLAN (v8 JUNE 2017) RAIN GUAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW reported they are now climate change champions. They are currently looking into the impacts of climate change and raising awareness. LTC own the plan and the procedures need to be looked at to see if still relevant and simplified to a smaller document. LTC have an Environmental subcommittee which could look at the impacts regarding flooding. The rain gauge at 	<p>DK TO LOOK AT CURRENT PLAN WITH INPUT FORM JW</p>

	Norchard sends out alerts with only a few currently signed up for the alerts but does give a good early warning. The figures are on a publicly assessable website, with details on how to sign up for river level alerts.	
8.	<p>AOB</p> <p>DM requested the maintenance schedule for Mead Lane and has been attempting to speak with George Tomlin to establish how the maintenance is intended. FoDDC is responsible for the water course but find repairs impossible and would like to look at the original scheme for maintenance. LF will speak with George Tomlin for maintenance moving forward.</p>	<p>LF TO LIASE WITH GEORGE TOMLIN AND REPORT BACK REGARDING FUTURE MAINTENANCE</p>
8.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Meeting 27th February 2020 at 2pm <p>Meeting closed at 12.34pm</p>	