

## Monthly flood risk management meeting

**8 November 2022**

Chair: Herefordshire Council – Steve Hodges (SH)

Attendees: Balfour Beatty (BBLP) – Joel Hockenhull (JH), Jenny Allen (JA).

Environment Agency (EA) Partnership and Strategic Overview (PSO) – Danielle Degville (DD), Darren Peach (DP), Emily Penning (EP).

ESW RFCC Local Levy Team – Amy Beddoes (AB), Karen Jouny (KJ).

EA Programming Team – Helen Campbell (HC).

### 1 Update on EA led schemes

- Leominster assets update – works started in the summer on a section of raised flood embankment on the Kenwater which raised issues re: otter presence (cameras to check activity) and large voids which need to be filled (extension from Natural England so that work can be completed next year once fish spawning has finished).
- Catchment Based Group (CBG) – the CBG has changed its terms of reference to make collaboration easier. There will be more regular core working groups.
  - Lower Bullingham – DD to finalise Project Identification Form to go into CBG – consultants lined up once scope signed off. EP to take over as senior user.
  - Ewyas Harold/Dulas Brook – multi-agency meeting arranged and EP to be senior user once the project starts.
  - River Arrow – have had workshop and reviewed scope – currently with Project Manager to sign off.
- Eardisland – parish council meeting held on 31 October where the EA clarified that they would fund PFR measures. The EA will match fund (50%) de-silting works on a one off basis. DD to manage permits to ensure they can work in the watercourse and to provide confirmation of discussions and background info.
- Mordiford Bridge – DD is awaiting information from the assets team.
- Greyfriars – Dan Trewin has provided updates directly to the community and SH.
- Leintwardine and Walford PFR – awaiting update on next steps from Tom Meyrick.
- DD to share updates on any other PFR projects.
- Cusop/Dulas Brook – Tom Curwell to arrange follow up meeting.
- Ross on Wye – change in senior user to DD. Awaiting details from Wye model but given 18 month timescale from sorting out tender, may be 18-24 months before outputs from the Wye Model are available. Kieran Alsop is Senior user for the Wye model – SH requested written update.

### 2 Update on HC led schemes

- Ayles Brook Hereford – we will submit an Exception Report to move funding to next financial year as a developer has further modelled the brook and we are also awaiting the outcome of surface water modelling bid.
- Brimfield, Orleton and Little Hereford PFR – £6k of funding to be drawn down to finalise scope of scheme and the resources required.
- Coughton Brook – awaiting info from WSP on their review of a potential FCRM 7 study.
- Kymin Brook – awaiting info from WSP on their review of a potential FCRM 7 study.
- Folly Brook, Eardisley – following completion of the feasibility study, we are now in the process of commissioning the next stage of the scheme development which is the concept design stage.
- Herefordshire NFM – catchment advisors now mobilised and arrangements around a Capital Grant Scheme being finalised.
- Lea Village – Sarah Caple has been completing the outstanding paperwork to formally close the scheme.
- Lyde – business case to be produced.
- Wellington Brook – a site visit is scheduled and work is to begin at the end of the month.

- Yazor Brook Hereford – has been moved to deliver in 2023/24.

### **3 RFCC**

- Next meeting 17 January, MS Teams.

### **4 Local Flood Risk Management Strategy**

- Meetings to be arranged with the EA to discuss the review/refresh of the strategy.
- Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee – Martin Quine and Dan Trewin to attend the meeting on 16 November.

### **5 Any other business**

- AB/KJ to arrange date for a meeting with SH/JH/JA to review the programme.
- SH/JH/JA reminded that they need to update Power Portal. Noting that if any projects have local levy sat with them that are to be spent this year and won't, this needs to be moved by 18/11.

### **6 Dates of future meetings**

- Tuesday 13 December, 9.30am