

Monthly flood risk management meeting

13 December 2022

Chair: Herefordshire Council – Steve Hodges (SH)

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

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

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

1. Update on EA led schemes

- Leominster – Looking at feasibility of improving assets on Kenwater (River Lugg)
- Catchment Based Group (CBG)
 - Lower Bullingham – information to be reviewed prior to completing an Initial Assessment on Withy Brook and the influence of the River Wye on Ordinary Watercourses.
 - Ewyas Harold/Dulas Brook – multi-agency meeting has taken place and actions from meeting established. Potential to look at re-running model options. A community meeting is required and Citizen Space webpage needs launching.
 - River Arrow – CBG Report required on workshops. Liaising closely with Catchment Advisor, Emma Whitehouse and an internal workshop is required to discuss next steps.
- Hampton Bishop – no updates, awaiting Wye model.
- Eardisland – currently working through Strategic Outline Case (SOC). Additional properties impacted by flooding which were not on the list have been identified. PFR scheme potentially identified as an option.
- Mordiford Bridge – DD is awaiting information from the EA's assets team.
- Greyfriars – Dan Trewin currently working on the modelling and economic benefits assessment to inform the outline business case and potential 'do something' options. Recently liaised with residents on Wye Terrace to understand the complex nature of flooding from river, through the ground and originating from the drainage and sewer. Plan to have meeting with risk management and utility authorities to discuss local services impacts and any potential scheme.
- Leintwardine and Walford PFR (also Bishops Frome PFR) – SH asked what information has been shared with the community.
- Cusop/Dulas Brook – Tom Curwell arranged follow up meeting and is providing a response regarding next steps.
- Ross on Wye – awaiting details from Wye model but may be 18-24 months before outputs from the Wye Model are available. SH requested written update on the Wye model.

2. Update on HC led schemes

- Ayles Brook, Hereford – Exception Report submitted to move funding to next financial year as a developer has further modelled the brook, funding to remain in 2023/24. Surface water modelling bid successful (timescales of one year). Both projects may run alongside each other.
- Brimfield, Orleton and Little Hereford PFR – further investigations on terrace properties to be undertaken in New Year.
- Coughton Brook and Kymin Brook – outputs expected in early January on potential FCRM 7 studies.
- Lyde – draft Business Case has been sent to Levy team for review. JH to arrange community meeting before the end of December.
- Wellington Brook – site visit with consultants has taken place.

3. RFCC

- Next meeting 17 January, MS Teams.

4. Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

- Meetings currently being undertaken to discuss the review/refresh of the strategy.
- Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee – currently awaiting findings from last meeting.

5. Dates of future meetings

- Tuesday 10 January, 9.30am