

Monthly flood risk management meeting

14 February 2023

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).

ESW RFCC Local Levy Team – Mike Teague (MT), Emily Hartin (EH).

1. Update on EA led schemes

- **Leominster** – Site visits took place last week and discussions underway with the Catchment Based Group (CBG) on next steps.
- CBG
 - **Lower Bullingham** – EA to update following an internal meeting.
 - **Ewyas Harold / Dulas Brook** – Looking to delineate the deliverables whilst still staying under the Dulas Brook Catchment umbrella, to ensure the project progresses as quickly as possible.
 - **River Arrow – Lugg and Arrow Weir Assessments** – Project Identification Form (PIF) submitted to CBG to scope this work. The assessments will look at the structural status of the weirs on the Lugg/Arrow and will feed into the Asset Management Strategy.
 - **Arrow Catchment Based Approach** – focussed on environmental/agricultural opportunities within the catchment. Catchment Co-ordinator is progressing her work with partners.
- **Hampton Bishop** – No updates, awaiting Wye model.
- **Eardisland** – Work progressing through the CBG to finish the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) by Spring 2023.
- **Mordiford Bridge** – No update.
- **Greyfriars** – The EA is working on a potential outline design and is shaping this with professional partners and the community in advance of any planning permission or final proposals. The EA is meeting with National Highways and HC next month on the interactions with the A49 and will also be liaising with utility companies about underground services.
- **Leintwardine and Walford PFR** (also Bishops Frome PFR) – No update, awaiting confirmation of new EA senior user on these projects.
- **Cusop/Dulas Brook** – EA to provide an update for the community (previously delayed due to flooding).
- **Ross on Wye** – No updates, awaiting Wye model.

2. Update on HC led schemes

- **Ayles Brook Surface Water Mapping Hereford** – The project is due to be completed by November 2023.
- **Brimfield, Orleton and Little Hereford PFR** – Further investigations to be carried out at some properties and further site visit to be arranged with surveyors (RAB Consultants) in order that the application can be finalised.
- **Coughton Brook** – The scheme covers two locations on the Coughton Brook where localised fluvial flooding has been repeatedly occurring. Limited grant funding available and so limited confidence in delivery of this project.
- **Kymin Brook** – A scheme here could protect 30 properties. More work needed to understand confidence in delivery of this project.
- **Lyde** – BBLP has completed survey work to establish the route of the culverted watercourse. A revised design has been developed and costed and a grant application will be made.

- **Wellington Brook** – Survey scope by WSP went out to tender but further quotes need to be obtained prior to awarding work.
- **Yazor Brook Culverts** – Grant application to be made in April.
- **Eardisley** – WSP have carried out a site visit and are working on the concept design proposals which will be shared with the community in April 2023.
- **Withy Brook** – In programme for next year.

3. River Wye Model

- Currently out to tender and hoping to appoint a consultant shortly. Delivery hope to be in next 12 months – looking at updated climate change info and improved forecasting capability.

4. Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

- Draft LFRMS produced and intended that it will be published by the end of 2023.

5. Dates of future meetings

- Tuesday 14 March, 9.30am