

## Monthly flood risk management meeting

**10 January 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), Emily Penning (EP).

ESW RFCC Local Levy Team – Mike Teague (MT).

### 1. Update on EA led schemes

- Leominster – Looking at feasibility of improving assets on Kenwater (River Lugg). Site walkovers planned for February 2023.
- 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. Previous 2016 assessment by the EA's John Parkin and Communities at Risk data recommended PFR.
  - Ewyas Harold/Dulas Brook – still considering modelling re-run options, and working on the Strategic Outline Case (SOC). Confined space inspections due to be carried out on large outfalls to confirm sizes, etc for model review. Citizen Space webpage to be published in the next few weeks. Cllr Jinman was updated in December following the recent multi-agency meeting.
  - River Arrow – next steps are being discussed and will be shared at the earliest opportunity. Asset Performance team will be utilising the CBG to undertake an Asset Management Review along the Arrow and Lugg.
- Hampton Bishop – No updates, awaiting Wye model. Possibility of looking at Hampton Bishop in conjunction with Leominster.
- Eardisland – Currently working through SOC which will be completed by the CBG. 84 properties identified to take forward for PFR surveys once SOC has been signed off (targeting Spring 2023). The EA is funding 50% of desilting works that will be undertaken by the parish council. The EA is assisting to ensure relevant permits are in place ready for mid-June 2023.
- Mordiford Bridge – DD is awaiting information from the EA Assets team and will follow up with HC.
- Greyfriars – working towards a preferred option, finishing the modelling and better understanding planning permission requirements. Also need to bring utilities together to get their comments on the impact of a scheme and alignment options. SH hoping to arrange meeting between Ross Cook (HC Corporate Director, Economy and Environment) and Clare Dinnis (EA Director for the West Midlands).
- Leintwardine and Walford PFR – the EA has issued PFR survey reports to residents and is pulling together the tender documents to procure a Lot 2 contractor for installation and creating the Full Business Case to obtain funding. SH again asked what information has been shared with the community.
- Cusop/Dulas Brook – the EA will provide an update for the community.
- Ross-on-Wye – awaiting details from Wye model but may be 18-24 months before outputs are available. SH again requested a written update on the Wye model.

### 2. Update on HC led schemes

- Ayles Brook, Hereford – exception report submitted to move funding to 2023/24 as a developer has further modelled the brook and a surface water modelling bid was successful (timescale of November 2023). Both projects may run alongside each other.

- Brimfield, Orleton and Little Hereford PFR – further investigations on Field View terrace properties to be undertaken in early 2023 to confirm whether they can be included within scheme. Looking to internally deliver scheme 2023/24..
- Coughton Brook and Kymin Brook – BBLP has received revised version of draft costs and MT to assist with a review of a potential FCRM 7 study.
- Lyde – JH and SH attended community meeting December 2022. Alignment of watercourse uncertain and further investigation required before civil engineering scheme can be confirmed.
- Wellington Brook – survey scope by WSP has been defined which can go out to tender and awaiting programme from WSP.
- Yazor Brook – scope of report to be confirmed.

### **3. RFCC**

- Next meeting 17 January, MS Teams.

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

- Stakeholder meetings undertaken in December 2022 to discuss the review/refresh of the strategy.

### **5. Flooding events**

- SH confirmed no reports of property flooding but that some road closures had been necessary.
- River Wye peaked at 4.65m at Old Wye Bridge and no current plans for the EA to deploy barriers.

### **6. Any other business**

- Draft findings from the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee on the Herefordshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy have been shared.

### **7. Dates of future meetings**

- Tuesday 14 February, 9.30am