

Cyngor Cymuned Llandudoch

St. Dogmaels Community Council

Minutes of the Flooding and Impacts Committee which met on 7th February 2019 at 7pm at Y Neuadd Goffa, Maeshyfryd, St. Dogmaels

Present: Cllrs Fraser Coates, Phil Hutchings, Jonathan Martin, Gill Wislocka

1. Apologies for Absence / Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

CC M James, Cllr M Thomas (To be noted that Cllr Mike James did not attend the Multi-Agency Forum meeting 5 October 2018)

2. Election of Chairman

Cllr F Coates was elected as Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Confirmation of Order of the Agenda

Accepted as presented.

5. Work Already Undertaken

The committee reviewed the work in progress from previous meetings re landownership, mapping the catchment area, recording flooding incidents and conversations with riparian landowners.

The site visit by Dr Xavier of Swansea University, Mair Rees NRW, Anthony Rogers Pembrokeshire Biodiversity Partnership, Trevor Theobald PCC Ecologist on 25th Jan was noted with thanks. The possibility of getting a Masters student from Swansea University to assist with a topographical study and assess whether flood mitigation measures such as leaky dams may be useful was discussed.

The Committee understood that maintenance of the Briscwm stream banks was not within the Community Council's Duties or Powers. The Committee did not wish to recommend that the Council take on an unquantifiable risk on which it had no powers to spend funds.

6. Work to Take Forward

Short term:

- i. Identify Base Flows in woodlands with photos
- ii. Photo Peak flows in heavy rain at Awel y Mor Culvert & Briscwm stream
- iii. Possibly Purchase flow meters & measure flow from Awel y Mor culvert and Briscwm stream (awaiting advice from Dr Xavier)

Proposals: The Committee proposed to ask the Community Council to request PCC supply :

- A. More information about the culverting of water from the Awel y Mor Development Site into the Briscwm Stream
- B. PCC's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and all the relevant policy documents with respect to surface water, river & stream management and flooding
- C. Assistance to develop a 'Flood Event Action Plan'
- D. Relevant topographical & geomorphology information on the Briscwm Stream from Emyr Williams

The Committee also proposed:

- E. To ask the Community Council to link the flooding issue with PLANED's Community Well Being & Resilience Project Pembrokeshire
- F. The Community Council considers developing a Place Plan that meets needs of St Dogmaels that incorporates the issues of Flooding and Sewage Capacity? (There is a Place Plan training in Carmarthen on 1st May)

Longer Term:

Outstanding question:

Is there anyone in PCC or any other body who can advise how we can work in partnership to encourage active community engagement and prevent people making the flooding situation worse?

7. Correspondence / Gohebiaeth (to include consultation documents not covered under any other heading)

None.

8. Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid gwybodaeth

None.

9. Date of Next Meetings –

?? 03 2019 Extra meeting to be arranged if we have enough info from PCC to make response

02 05 2019 Quarterly meeting

04 10 2019 11am (need to book room)

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9pm.

Members – Cllr F Coates. Members: Cllrs M Thomas, J Martin, G Wislocka, P Hutchings, CC M James (associate member