

Kingsbridge Town Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FLOOD & WINTER RESILIENCE COMMITTEE HELD AT 6.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2018 IN QUAY HOUSE

Present: Cllr Chris Povey (Chairman)
Cllr David Baisie
Cllr Anne Balkwill
Cllr Barrie Fishman
Cllr Mike Jennings
Cllr Graham Price

In Attendance: Martin Johnson (Town Clerk)

17/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Robin Griffin and District Cllr Keith Wingate.

Public Open Forum

There were no members of public present.

17/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

17/12 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members were in receipt of the minutes of the last meeting held on 27 June 2017 which were approved as a correct record.

17/13 KINGSBRIDGE CATCHMENT STUDY

Further to feedback at previous meetings, Pell Frischmannm was progressing the Kingsbridge Integrated Urban Drainage Management project and had forwarded Phase 2 Results and Concept Solutions reports dated November 2017. The reports outlining the results from hydraulic analysis of flooding in Kingsbridge had been issued to the Environment Agency, Devon County Council and South West Water ahead of Phase 3 (Options Appraisal).

Modelling was underway to test the concept solutions in more detail. Phase 3 would determine what level of protection the solutions will provide and if the solutions can actually be built. Phase 3 was planned to be completed by end April 2018 for submission for funding. A final Phase 4 was actual intervention should any solutions be approved following demonstration of whole life cost and benefit.

17/14 FLOOD RESILIENCE

14.1 Kingsbridge Community Emergency Plan (adopted October 2014; last review June 2017). The CEP had been checked as current and all contact details were correct. However, within Annex H – Community Flood Plan, the “Community Flood Forecasting Tool” had several on-line links which were not working. The tool, which was very useful, had been devised by the Environment Agency and it would be requested to assist/rectify.

14.2 Flood Wardens. All local residents listed in the CEP had been contacted recently and were content to retain their roles as community Flood Wardens however, more were required. It was **RECOMMENDED** to commence a recruitment drive to encourage more local residents to become Flood Wardens.

14.3 Spring tides 2018. A listing of all tides above 5m during 2018 had been produced and scheduled to be posted on to the council’s Facebook page to alert the community in advance of potential flood events. Such messages gained many hits and comments.

14.4 Highway flashing flood signs. The company which supplied and maintained the 2 in number flood signs had gone into liquidation and therefore the signs could not be operated. It was **RECOMMENDED** to investigate a way forward to return the flood signs to operational use.

14.5 Community resilience store. Devon County Council had provided £1,500 towards an overall cost at circa £2,350 to supply a new store to be located behind the current garage/store in Quay House grounds. An application for listed building consent was being worked up.

14.6 River and rain gauges. Located at Kingsbridge Community College (on the rooftop) and at Dodbrooke Stream (next to the trash screen off Duncombe Street) were working correctly. The call-out listing needed to be checked following a change of Members.

17/15 WINTER RESILIENCE

15.1 Grit bins & grit supply. The Town Council managed 9 grit bins in town:

- Junction Buckwell/Fosse Roads
- Saffron Park
- Coronation Road
- Junction Veales Road/West Alvington Hill
- Junction Linhey Close/Highfield Drive
- Warren Road
- Duncombe Park
- Piggy Lane off Stentiford Hill
- Washabrook Way

All had been filled in readiness and utilised during recent cold weather conditions. The grit bins required checking and refilling as required. Grit supply stored at Quay House was sufficient at present.

15.2 Winter Weather Wardens. All local residents signed up for the Winter Weather Self-Help scheme had been contacted recently and were content to retain their roles. There was no current requirement for a recruitment drive.

15.3 Potential new grit bins for the Redford estate. It was reported that Higher Union Road, Crispin Road and Isigny Road had been very icy during the recent period of cold weather and grit bins were proposed. In the first instance, suitable locations and agreement with Devon County Council would be required. Members noted a £500 budget for flood resilience/winter weather in financial year 2018/19 therefore sponsorship by local businesses was earmarked as they would benefit significantly. It was **RECOMMENDED** to explore the provision of grit bins via sponsorship in the Redford Estate.

17/16 IMMEDIATE MATTERS

Following the recent period of cold weather and snow, Members queried what assistance the Town Council should provide to local residents. Alongside the Winter Weather Self-Help Scheme, a Facebook post had been produced a few days before the severe weather hit Kingsbridge and it was considered most people would have received weather warnings via a variety of sources. It was agreed that the combined Member/Staff resource was small and physical assistance was therefore unlikely. DCC was responsible for gritting the main highway routes and SHDC led emergency planning. Good communications with the community and keen liaison with other authorities was deemed essential.

17/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 September 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.