

Kingsbridge Town Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FLOOD & WINTER RESILIENCE COMMITTEE HELD AT 6.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2017 IN QUAY HOUSE

Present: Cllr Chris Povey (Chairman)
Cllr David Baisie
Cllr Anne Balkwill
Cllr Barrie Fishman
Cllr Robin Griffin
Cllr Graham Price
District Cllr Keith Wingate

In Attendance: Cllr (desig) Dena Bex
Cllr Tom Coulthard
Cllr Mike Jennings
Johnathan Hubbard, Pell Frischmann
Helen Montgomery, Pell Frischmann
Martin Johnson (Town Clerk)

17/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Povey was elected Chairman of the Flood & Winter Resilience Committee for mayoral year 2017/18.

17/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from David Harvey, D&SFRS.

Public Open Forum

There were no members of public present.

17/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

17/04 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members were in receipt of the minutes of the last meeting held on 12 April 2016 which were approved as a correct record (an informal briefing only was held on 1 November 2016).

17/05

KINGSBRIDGE CATCHMENT STUDY

Devon County Council had contracted Pell Frischmann to produce a Kingsbridge Catchment Study; effectively to report how and why flooding occurred in the town. The study would report on flood risk at 1 in 30 years, 1:50 and 1:100. While it was not within the remit of the study to identify flooding solutions; considerations could include rebuilding natural attenuation areas outside the town to limit/manage surface water flows and there was potential in the town centre to address property level mitigation. A worst case scenario for the likes of Mill Street was entrapment of flood water for 2 days duration. South West Water wished to stop sewerage flooding. Flood depth plans were displayed to 'show & tell' catchment flooding now reproduced at Annex A (draft plots which may be subject to change). The next steps were to forward a completed study, anticipated by end September 2017, to Devon County Council, Environment Agency and South West Water. From thereon SWW could bid for funding, alongside potential DCC & EA funds, to contract consultants to provide a solutions' report. It was unlikely for any actual infrastructure changes/mitigation to be delivered for 5 years. Dependent on the actual proposals the current consultation regarding a Quayside development would require a flood alleviation scheme to be included.

District Cllr Wingate left the Chamber

17/06

FLOOD RESILIENCE

06.1 Kingsbridge Community Emergency Plan. The CEP (incorporating the Kingsbridge Community Flood Plan) had been adopted October 2014 and reviewed April 2016. It was considered that a 'reality check' was required on some of the information provided and all Response Team members/Food Wardens needed to be contacted to ascertain if they still wished to be involved. It was **RECOMMENDED** to review the Kingsbridge CEP.

06.2 Flood Wardens. As above.

06.3 Spring tides 2017/18. A listing of all tides above 5m had been recorded and was diaried to be brought up on KTC's Facebook page to alert the community in advance of potential flood events.

06.4 Highway flashing flood signs. Diagnostic checks had been actioned recently with the supplier. The sign located at The Promenade working correctly; the sign in Ilbert Road not working and subject to investigation.

06.5 Emergency store. Checked and adequately stocked in the former mobile library garage.

06.6 River and rain gauges. No recent activations however, the call-out listing needed to be checked to ensure it remained effective.

17/07 WINTER RESILIENCE

07.1 Grit bins installation. Actioned in Duncombe Park (steps off Belle Vue Road), pedestrian only footway off Stentiford Hill and in Washabrook Way.

07.2 Winter Weather Wardens. Contacted late autumn each year to ensure they were still onboard; last bad winter was 2010.

07.3 Emergency store and grit supply. Adequate stock held and re-supplied by DCC.

17/08 IMMEDIATE MATTERS

There were no matters of immediate concern.

17/09 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 27 February 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

Annex:

A. Flood Depth Plans.

The meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.