

Lune Valley Flood Forum

Minutes June 6th 2018 The Friends Meeting House, Lancaster

Committee Members Present: Chair Janet Taylor (JT), Secretary Caroline Jackson (CJ), Carol Crouch (CC)

Members present: Paul Bond (PB), Ann Kretzschmar (AK) Richard Gargini (RG), Rod Everett (RE), Danny Maddox (DM), Paul Calland LASAR (PC), Alex Bowden LASAR (AB), Chris Barlow (CB), Dr Nick Chappell (NC), Andrew Egerton (AE), Erica Lewis (EL), Mark Taylor (MT), Paul Blakeley (PB1), Tim Hamilton-Cox (THC), Louise Gill (LG)

Apologies: Mark Bartlett (MB)

1. Adoption of New Committee Member: Carol Crouch

2. Constitution adopted.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting were submitted and agreed as a correct record.

4. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS:

Conferences Flood and Coast Telford/Kendal NFM Roadshow: JT spoke on the aims of LVFF at Flood and Coast in March and made some useful contacts including Maggie Mason who is campaigning for a better policy on SUDS (Sustainable Urban Drainage). A call was made for case studies in Lancashire and Cumbria that could be used as part of the SUDS Peer Review process.

JT attended Kendal NFM Roadshow hosted by the EA. Dr Nick Chappell was there and talked on his work assessing NFM techniques and assessing the effectiveness of different techniques.

Cumbria Action for Sustainability Training: Cumbria Action for Sustainability can provide training on retro-fitting flood mitigation measures in old houses pre-1919 as these do not respond in the same way as more recent buildings. LVFF will be doing some free courses, there is already enough interest from council and Flood Action Groups.

SUDS Peer Review Cumbria/Lancashire/Call for case studies: The SUDS peer review Lancashire/Cumbria is challenging current practice. Drainage is done last as an afterthought houses are built and is not necessarily sustainable for the future. Paul Blakely (LLFA) said this was because of the way the legislation is written. Paul Bond (EA) stated that flood risk should not be increased *at any stage* of a development according to the Policy but there is a question over who monitors it, who inspects it, who maintains and regulates it. Compliance. Examples of both good and bad practice in Cumbria and Lancashire are needed.

DEFRA Level 1 Water Awareness Training LASAR: Jan Taylor and Ann Kretzschmar attended the level 1 water awareness course run by Lancaster Area Search and Rescue (LASAR) and now have certificates. This is designed for those working around water but not in it. It was very valuable and further courses will be run. The course for the next date is 11th August. LASAR is a new voluntary body and has its base and will work with Emergency services during flood events. There is a charity shop on Caton Road, Nr Lancaster. They are

a charity so would welcome support either from donations or visits to their shop. There are now 3 boats in Lancaster compared to 0 during the previous floods.

NPPF Response written by Professor Charles Ainger: Visiting Professor of Engineering for Sustainable Development, Cambridge University, Senior Associate, Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership: Report available on shared documents: LVFF has put in a response to the NPPF framework consultation with the help of Charles Ainger and has also responded to the Flooding Section of the Local Plan.

5. MATTERS ARISING (Any questions or issues not resolved from previous meeting or not on the agenda)

Educational Project University of Cumbria: Chris Barlow has done research with schools in Lune Valley and found that there is limited interest for schools at present. However, Chris made further suggestions for people who could go into schools to give a child friendly information/workshop/field visit/ set a challenge/tell people about their job/bring an activity/child friendly information/role play activities/experts for school visits. Mark Taylor, Lancashire County Council, Lead on school emergency planning is putting together county wide program and looking at all emergencies. MT on national body that developed pack. Partnership of schools could be looked at. Danny Maddox, was interested in Emergency Groups and Schools working together. Rod Everett looking at developing demonstration area and looking for help to put that together on Backsbottom farm, that would probably could be a resource for schools. Nick Chappell: Could the trainee teachers develop some projects to take into schools? CB: Tight curriculum and no Geography specialists.

Response to Flooding section in Lancaster District Local Plan: Charles Ainger's response on the flood section of Lancaster District Local Plan has been accepted. Councillor Erica Lewis highlighted the consultations currently taking place on Bailrigg Garden Village and the local plan and recommended attending as there were more staff than attendees at the one EL went to.

Funding for Study of River Lune flooding: JT asked Paul Blakely to elaborate on projects in the Local Lune Catchment. PB: A project run by the EA/Lancaster City to prevent river flooding in Lancaster to businesses on Caton Road is at Phase 3. Lancaster City is leading on surface water flooding in town centre area. JT: Asked for details on new funding which was allocated on May 10th 2018 for study £95,000 in total for Lancashire, £40,000 has been put aside for Halton and Galgate study into surface water flooding. Jacobs have been commissioned. Denny Beck has been looked at in a lot of detail post event. EL: Pointed out Hala are not being looked at, at this point.

Partnership with Lune Rivers Trust: Lune Valley Flood Forum have now been accepted as a partner of the Lune Rivers Trust.

Speaker: Hydrologist Professor Keith Beven: Trying to Assess the Effectiveness of Natural Flood Management Measures.

Next meeting September 17th

Actions

Retrofitting for Flood Resilience firm dates for training	JT/MB/AG
SUDS Peer Review Cumbria/Lancashire/Case studies	JT/CJ/MM
Meeting with Paul Blakely: Funding projects/ report on Denny Beck/ study on the Lune River/SUDS Peer Review	JT/CJ/PB1
Educational Project University of Cumbria: Further meetings	JT/CJ/PB/MB