

## Lune Valley Flood Forum

### Minutes March 13th The Friends Meeting House, Lancaster

Committee Members Present: Chair Janet Taylor, Secretary Caroline Jackson.

Members present: Mark Bartlett, Paul Bond, Ann Kretzschmar, Anne Lamb, Karen Huskinson, Carol Slinger, Carl Hunter, Paul Whatmough, Richard Gargini, Rod Everett, Nigel Pilling, Christna Worsley, Danny Maddox.

1. Adoption of Constitution: Put to one side until more committee members available.
2. Adoption of new committee members: People asked to look at roles in constitution and decide on their commitment level. Caroline has agreed to be secretary when she is available.
3. Minutes of previous meeting: skipped for next meeting.
4. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS:

**Affiliation to National flood Forum** pack sent to LVFF and given to members to look at.

**Reporting problems to Council/County:** Confusion over right departments. Clarity needed for public for roles and responsibilities Paul Bond made a leaflet for EA/County/Council responsibilities and Newground has also provided one for LVFF. EA are starting a website called flood hub.

**Radio Lancashire/Lancashire Action Team** are forming a data base of all the flood groups in Lancashire so they are freely available to the public.

**Suggestion from Halton resident Charles Ainger for Focus Group from LVFF to flooding section in Lancaster District Draft Local Plan:** Henry Cumbers from planning department has agreed to meet with us to talk about this we will then have a meeting to discuss what to put forward. CJ pointed out that if anyone is aware of evidence that has been omitted that important at this stage of the plan. This aspect of plan is about soundness/evidence.

**Conferences: JT visited Salford Flood Disaster Management Conference:** Building resilience in January. Where JT met with people from EA, Carl Green from Wyre Flood Forum and Casper Hewitt who is doing research into leaky dams and hope to get some of the speakers to future meetings. *(Details of Salford conference now available in shared documents)*

Flood and Coast Conference Telford 2018: JT has been asked to talk on LVFF at the Seminar Live.

**Educational Project University of Cumbria and University Lancaster:** Discussions with Chris Barlow/Alison Lloyd-Williams and Marion Walker have taken place to try to develop a project in primary schools in the Lune catchment. Chris Barlow is going to have some focus groups with local teachers. MB: There is emphasis on a package that fits in with the primary schools curriculum. University of Cumbria specialises in teacher training. CJ: A package that puts across causes of flooding how it is made better or worse. Puts forward important messages that children can take home with them.

Visits and meeting emergency groups/expert talks could possibly be incorporated. PB: Marion and Alison from Lancaster University have been involved in a snakes and ladders project which addresses social and emotional impact of communities which is being supported by the EA. CJ: It would be good to have the project looked at by those in the flood forum so members can have an input. So it is grounded in place.

**Drainage situation /Adopt a Drain scheme/Action Groups;** A scheme where people can sweep leaves from drains outside their houses. Wennington Parish were told by Highways that they cannot take responsibility for members of the public putting themselves at risk in this way.

**Strategic Lobbying: This years Project:** Any ideas/Something for the group to think about. MB? Send me something?

Speaker: Paul Bond The Environment Agency:

- Lower Lune Weirs – Forge weir private part of the hydro at Halton. Skerton Weir: Lune/Wyre transfer. Both part of projects. Could have detrimental effect to River by removal.
- Lune Rivers Trust/ Living Lune Catchment Partnership – Flood Beneficial Projects
- Lancaster Scheme
- Recent Community Engagement: Support community groups
- Funding schemes will be shared by LVFF

*(Presentation available on shared documents)*

Speaker: Christina Worsley Newground Flood Resilience

- Flood resilience engagement project supporting communities across the North West at risk of flooding
- Flood Resilience - discussion from group about flood resilience increasing flood risk if curtilage is protected rather than up to front door and house walls. How are people liable if neighbours are then flooded?
- Natural Flood Management
- Development of website Flood Hub

*(Presentation available on shared documents)*

Next meeting: June 6<sup>th</sup> Speaker Hydrologist Professor Keith Beven.

## Actions

Focus group for response to Lancaster District Local Plan – Flood section.	JT/CA/AK/DM
Flood and Coast Conference 2018	JT
University of Cumbria/Lancaster Education Project	JT/CJ/MB/PB
Adopt a Drain	JT
Strategic Lobbying Project - 2018	JT/CJ