

Minutes of Dwyran Flood Partnership Group Meeting Hen Fecws Dwyran – 16th January 2019

Present (Group Members)	Initials	Representing
County Councillor Peter Rogers	PR	Rhosyr Ward
Eirian Gilford	EG	Flood Risk - Natural Resources Wales (NRW)
Jenny Jones	JJ	Flood Risk – Natural Resources Wales (NRW)
Richard Berry	RB	Flood Risk – Natural Resources Wales(NRW)
Dylan Hughes	DH	Highways - Isle of Anglesey County Council (IoACC)
Kim Hinchcliffe	KH	Highways - Isle of Anglesey County Council (IoACC)
Dewi Meredith	DM	Housing - Isle of Anglesey County Council (IoACC)
Reg Hinchcliffe	RH	Highways – Isle of Anglesey County Council (IoACC)
Catrin Jones	CJ	Dŵr Cymru/Welsh Water
Phil Eden	PE	Resident
Mike Tidswell	MT	Resident
Sophy Tidswell	ST	Resident
Sharon	S	Resident
David Chadwick	DC	Resident
Community Councillor Dafydd Roberts	DR	Rhosyr Community Council
Community Councillor Jane Sykes	JS	Rhosyr Community Council
Present (Non-Members)		
Non ap Gwyn		Representing Rhun ap Iorwerth's office
Councillor Non Parry		Resident – Llangefni
Apologies (Group Members)		
County Councillor Bryan Owen	BO	Rhosyr Ward
Ingela Mann	IM	Resident
Llio Rowlands	LR	Housing - Isle of Anglesey County Council (IoACC)
Karen Roberts	KR	Housing - Isle of Anglesey County Council (IoACC)
Sandra Owen	SO	Resident
Rachel Anderson	RA	Resident

Items	Actions
<p>Welcome from the Chair –</p> <p>A warm welcome from Chairman Councillor Peter Rogers, great to see a good turn out and some new faces.</p> <p>A thank you to Ingela for all her hard work with the administration of the group.</p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed by the Chair PR and confirmed by PE and DR as a true record.</p>	

<p>Matters arising would be covered under the agenda.</p> <p>Actions following last meeting 7th November 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of meetings - Chairman of the Hên Fecws (Mr Tidswell) has written to the Community Council to request funding for the venue. Community Council to discuss this in their next meeting at the end of the month. • PR has approached the residents of Ger y Felin to ask for any interest in representing their housing estate on the group. Due to work and other commitments, they are unable to attend the meetings but reported that they are very happy with the flood gates and other property level protection which have been provided by the Housing Department (IoACC) and Early Warning Service provided by NRW. PR to continue contact with the residents and provide updates of any matters arising from the group. <p>Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of social media – IoACC/NRW have issued a press release regarding the success of the group. The group awaits further update on a Facebook page for the flood group from Rachel Anderson. • Rhosyr Community Council to consider including the flood group on their website and include the group's minutes and agendas - this to be discussed at a later date. <p>Early Warning Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/13 properties registered for Afon Braint 12/14 properties registered for Afon Rhyd y Valley • The aim is to get this up to 100% registration. EG to email DR and PR providing addresses of those who have not registered. DR and PR to visit and encourage residents to sign up. <p>Feedback on progress with flood risk modelling study (NRW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The study is currently in the inception phase, and NRW are still collecting data. • A topographic survey will take place in February 2019. • Project completion date is due June 2019. <p>NRW will organise a drop-in session in Dwyran to share final options with those at risk.</p> <p>DR – Raised concern that no flow data is captured on the two rivers. NRW confirmed that there is no flow recorded and that the telemetry system which has been installed recently captures level only data.</p> <p>JJ – It is a challenge to represent all the data.</p> <p>DR – High tides and other factors also need to be taken into consideration to show the flow of the water.</p>	<p>JS/DR</p> <p>PR</p> <p>RA</p> <p>JS/DR</p> <p>EG/PR/DR</p>
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<p>DC stated that the Pont Cadach bridge holds water back and during the last flood event in November 2017 the water in his property did not recede during low tide.</p>	
<p>DR stated that water is being held back on the Rhyddgaer side because of structures and walls located along the river bank.</p>	
<p>Updates on NRW/IoACC/DC/WW joint working plan</p>	
<p>KH provided an update to the group. The plan will be circulated to all group members providing the latest update on each point.</p>	
<p>DR asked if any clearing of the rivers were planned for the near future.</p>	
<p>RB reported that none planned, but if there are any problems we will assess and react as needed.</p>	KH
<p>PE – I am unsure what would be classed as a priority or not when debris builds up in the rivers.</p>	
<p>EG – We are very grateful for all the information you have supplied to date and all queries will be assessed and prioritised by the relevant organisation. It was agreed that the best way forward would be to email the query together with a photograph/video footage to Ingela Mann (Group Secretary) KH(IoACC), Linda Thomas (NRW) and DC/WW who will act as single point of contacts for their organisation.</p>	
<p>CJ to confirm contact details for DC/WW and email to KH.</p>	
<p>KH to send an email to the group providing relevant contact details.</p>	KH/CJ
<p>DR - Look upstream of the land on the Afon Braint by Preswylfa, river and ditches need clearing.</p>	
<p>DH – The more ditches that are cleared, the quicker the water will flow which could increase the risk of flooding to downstream properties, it can sometimes be better not to clear some parts of the river/watercourses to hold back some of the water.</p>	
<p>DH - Gully emptying on class A and B roads have already been carried out in the Dwyran area. Gully cleansing on class C and unclassified roads will be completed by the end of March. All gullies are cleaned twice annually.</p>	
<p>DH - Reported that additional gullies have been added outside Pen yr Argae 16 January 2019.</p>	
<p>PE – Reported that water from the school field feeds into ditches on Glan Towyn land.</p>	
<p>RH – Natural spring from the school feeds into the ditches, this will be taken into consideration during the modelling of the catchment.</p>	
<p>DR – Would like to know the levels of the DC/WW telemetry pumping station and reported that the concrete chambers appear to be leaking.</p>	
<p>CJ – to check the data and inspect the concrete chambers.</p>	CJ

DR - reported that the combined pipe seems to be blocked causing land and highway to flood and the system needs to be looked at.

CJ - reported that the sewerage network in Dwyran is gravity fed, once it reaches the pumping station it will then be pumped to the treatment station. If the pump fails, Dŵr Cymru/Welsh Water have the right to discharge untreated waste through the combined sewer overflow into the river. No complaints have been received by the residents regarding this matter.

NRW/loACC/DC/WW maintenance schedule for 2019

EG proposed that the existing schedule needs amending, and it was agreed that all assets identified in Dwyran would be included on the plan. EG to coordinate.

Update from Residents

PE – Outfall pipes from holding ponds at Rhyd y Valley do they have an effect on flood events. Can this be taken into consideration with the modelling.

JJ – confirmed that they would be included in the modelling study.

Outfall pipe near Preswylfa / Ty'n Llidiart – does this need a non-return valve (NRV).

DH – Due to the level of the pipe in Preswylfa/Ty'n Llidiart surface water should once reached its capacity, discharge through the bottom gully on to the road. To add a NRV risks the pipe becoming full and discharging out of the gully opposite to Preswylfa/Ty'n Llidiart.

Any Other Business

EG reported that river levels for the Afon Rhyd y Valley and Afon Braint can now be viewed via NRW's website.

EG will circulate the link to all group members.

DR – The group had no objection for DR to use a drone along the river and footage would be shared with the group.

Date of next meeting

Date of next March 2019, discussions regarding Community Flood Plan will be part of the agenda and will be discussed at this time.

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