



- St Asaph City Council Flood & Community Emergency Working Group Meeting 16th December 2020 6.30 pm with Remote Attendance via Zoom

Present: Cllrs Scott (Mayor), Rust, Ellison, Groves; John Liston and Steve Morris

1. Apologies

- Apologies were received from Cllr Hardie.

2. Declarations of Interest

- None. Most of those present had been flooded, but these were deemed to be personal interests.

3. Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting of 4th December were considered for accuracy. The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting

Resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of 4th December as an accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

- A new officer from NRW had got in touch with John and was very interested to see how the group develops.
- Cllr Ellison had written to her contact in NRW. The reply was not very specific, but gave details of their website.
- Steve had put up a Facebook post asking for residents to report problems.
- There are some fallen trees by the green bridge – there is concern that, in high water, these could become trapped under Spring Gardens bridge.
- Cllr Scott remarked it is very difficult to get a response. We don't need another report – we know what the problems are. They need to be repaired.
- Not sure the flood defence work was ever completed. Was the work signed off and was the snagging list finished?
- Reports had been received from DCC & NRW but there was no new information.
- Black & Veatch are now producing a report for NRW. They drew up the original plans for flood defences.
- There was a suggestion that we could invite DCC, NRW and Welsh Water to a meeting of this group. We need their representatives to come with answers.
- We need to ask for a copy of the written report.
- We now need to focus on establishing which authority is responsible for what:
 - DCC are responsible for the culvert;

- NRW are responsible for the issues on the east bank and behind Roe Parc.
- **John Liston will respond to the NRW officer and ask who is responsible for fixing the issues.** We need to find someone at a senior level
- We need to get the Welsh Government and Ann Jones MS involved – perhaps a question could be asked in the Senedd.
- James Davies MP had asked a question in parliament.
- We need to make a list of specific questions. As NRW is a public body, a Freedom of Information request would be appropriate. Questions are:
 - Was the work ever finished on the St Asaph Flood Defences?
 - Was the snagging list completed?
 - Was the work signed off?
 - Can we have a copy of the snagging list?

The Clerk is to send a Freedom of Information request to NRW.

- **The Clerk is to write to James Davies and Ann Jones with a copy of the minutes, so that they are aware of this group. Need to ask Ann Jones to ask a question in the Senedd.**
- **Steve is to make enquiries with Welsh Water about the issues with the bund tank in the Bowling Green car park.**
- Need to consider involvement of the press in January.

5. Denbighshire Community Scrutiny Committee

- Cllr Scott advised there will be a Task & Finish Group formed by Denbighshire. He has put himself forward for the group.
- The meeting was attended by Keith Ivens.
- There was some discussion about the new gauge on the website – some members considered the old system more user friendly.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm.

Next Meeting Monday 25th January 2021 6.30 pm via Zoom

Signed

Chairman Flood & Community Working Group 27th January 2021
re-arranged for 25th January 2021 following flooding 20th January 2021