



• St Asaph City Council Flood & Community Emergency Working
Group Meeting 25th January 2021 6.30 pm with Remote Attendance
via Zoom

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

Also Present: A representative for James Davies MP
A member of the press.

2021/F01 Apologies

- Apologies were received from Cllr Hardie.

2021/F02 Declarations of Interest

- None.

2021/F03 Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting of 16th December were considered for accuracy.
The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting

**Resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of 16th December as an
accurate record.**

2021/F04 Matters Arising

- The report from Black & Veatch is due in February 2021.

2021/F05 Freedom of Information Request

The reply from NRW had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

- There was nothing new in the letter. It does confirm that the flood defence scheme was completed and that all snagging was completed.
- The attempt to clear the flap valve on the Lower Denbigh Road culvert during the floods of February 2020 had been discussed at the site visit with NRW. The valve has now been upgraded to a higher specification valve and Denbighshire (DCC) had confirmed that this is subject to regular maintenance and inspection. It was agreed that DCC had done their utmost to make the culvert work.
- Tim Towers DCC went out and had the street gullies cleared and the silt in the stream was cleared.
- The stream can overtop and then the water will flow down Lower Denbigh Road. The valve will open slightly to relieve the pressure when the bund by the New Inn overtops.

- There was an exceptional weather event on 20th January and the Glascoed stream did not overtop – this should be seen as a positive.

2021/F06 Flooding Wednesday 20th January 2021

- There was a problem with surface water in Heol Esgob, Ashly Court, Tan y Bryn, Llys-y-Felin, Cwtir Lane and Glascoed Road.

James Davies to write to DCC, NRW & welsh Water to arrange a meeting to discuss the flooding and any remedial and preventative measures required.

- Llys-y-Felin flats were flooded and the only solution was to evacuate, however this was not a mandatory evacuation.
- Llys-y-Felin could have been saved by simple flood prevention measures such as sandbags. The floodwater came through the air-bricks.

PS will contact DCC Housing re: shutters for the doors and air-brick covers.

- SM has spoken to Welsh water and established that the bund tank under the Bowling Green car park is subject to regular maintenance and is regularly inspected.
- Cllr JE had spoken to staff at DCC emergency contact number, but their information was out of date. Some contact numbers did not work.
- Questions were raised about DCC's risk assessment of the flats.
- One suggestion to protect the flats is to convert the existing fence to a boundary wall.

JE(clerk) to contact DCC and obtain their permission to have a pallet of sandbags delivered to Llys-y-Felin flats for storage in their yard.

SM will co-ordinate volunteers to move the sandbags off the common and store them at Llys-y-Felin.

- SM has been contacted by a resident who is interested in developing a water storage flood meadow on her land.

James Davies will write to DCC regarding the sandbags at Llys-y-Felin.

- There was a discussion regarding the flood plain downstream of St Asaph which is designed to dissipate

The meeting ended at 7.35 pm.

Next Meeting Monday 22nd February 2021 6.30 pm via Zoom

Signed

Chairman Flood & Community Working Group 22nd February 2021