

All Stretton Flood Forum H&WB Centre CS Minutes - meeting Mon 3/2

1. Present

Mike Goode (Chair)
Dominic Bowyer (NT)
Patrick Edwards (NT)
Sophie Davies (NFF)
Cllr Andy Munro (CSTC)
Roger Eyre (Robinlye)
Sheila Eyre (Robinlye)
Simon Barber (SFAG)
Steve Burrows (Batch Valley)
Danny Robinson (Farm Lane)
Caroline Crump (ASVS)
Jeremy Hunter (Batch Valley)
Kate Hunter (Batch Valley)
Janet Ferguson (UBVRG)
Apologies from John Evans, Gogbatch.

2. AS Area impacts and report updates - and poss NL ('AONB') involvement

Roger kindly went through his report and findings, highlighting:

- Challenges of getting data and scoping the storms
- Question of what storm magnitude/frequency to plan for
- Future maintenance issues to address. (This was echoed by Mike and Caroline - the need for an ongoing maintenance regime.)

There was discussion of the problems of the A5477 culvert - a key choke point - which was clearly in need of attention. Kate had notes from a 5/11 SC inspection. Highways had said they couldn't get a camera down to check condition. Mike suggested this indicated the culvert could be deemed 'not fit for purpose'.

Mike reported that the meeting with NL on Friday had supported the proposed SRT 'opportunities appraisal' but felt the scope should be widened to include all relevant water courses from the Mynd. NL hoped to have capital funds to help with mitigation projects, but could not help fund a report itself. Janet and others expressed hope to see practical recommendations with cost indications, including comment on vegetation management on the Mynd, on the stream below the B5477, and on possible use of volunteers.

Dominic was thanked for exploring the SRT option. Sophie offered to review and progress the brief, so proposals could be sought from SRT and SWT (Shropshire Wildlife Trust). [Sophie has now circulated a draft to ASFF Steering Group (SG).]

Sophie also flagged the upcoming 6/3 multiagency meet. The different challenges across the Strettons would be highlighted. Sophie was compiling a Flood Action Plan

and would circulate. Andy felt it was important agencies had good notice of key issues in order to consider their responses.

3. Collapsed BV wall

There was discussion of the wall including:

1. Ownership
2. Sequencing of repairs (better to clear culvert before rebuilding wall)
3. Rebuild spec - would a stronger wall be an advantage

All needed further consideration.

4. Constitution

Andy was thanked for helpful drafting. Chris had amended slightly following SG feedback. No adverse comments having been received in advance, the constitution was accepted and signed.

Andy pointed out that a funding application could now be made to CSTC, and would need to be received before end February latest. A bank account would not be needed by then.

5. Next meeting - 2pm 10.3.25 Venue tbcf

It was proposed the next meeting should be after the 6/3 multi agency meet, to get feedback from that meet.

Proposed date 2pm 10.3.25 Venue tbcf.

Ends