

## **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SUPPORT TEAM 2014/15/1**

Minutes of the **Community Emergency Support Team** meeting to be held on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 at 6.30pm** in the Pump Rooms, off Teme Street, Tenbury Wells.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Cllr M. Willis, Cllrs S. Bowkett, J. da Costa, J. Fielder, Cllr Hudson, D. Ingram, J. Morgan, G. Price.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk, 1 Member of the Press, 1 Member of the Public

**APOLOGIES:** Deputy Mayor S. Corfield, Cllr M. Brennan, Cllr M. Drummond, Cllr J. Watson, Cllr E. Weston

### **1.1. Apologies.**

Apologies had been received from Cllr M. Brennan, Cllr S. Corfield, Cllr M. Drummond, Cllr J. Watson and Cllr E. Weston. Cllr da Costa had noted that he would be late arriving.

**RESOLVED** that apologies be accepted.

### **1.2. Declarations of Interest**

None

### **1.3. To be updated on Flood Measures in the town**

The Chairman reported that the town was no closer to permanent flood defences because of the cost (close to £2m) of potential schemes and the fact that local residents did not appear keen on a permanent Wall/Bund system. Many residents of Teme Street feel the fact that cellars flood with rising ground water would subvert the efficiency of any barrier at the river Teme end of town. Other options had been considered. A proposal for large up-stream attenuation pond with floating houses had been proposed but investigation into the actual benefit was still ongoing. A non-permanent system of large interlocking floodbags had been presented at a much lower cost than permanent solutions but this would be ineligible for grant funding and require storage capacity and many volunteers to deploy so was unlikely to be viable.

Since the 2007 flood 90% of businesses now have property level protection. The chairman suggested that the best option was to encourage the remainder of businesses and householders to look at property level protection.

The Environment Agency had been asked about dredging and clearing Kyre Brook but felt that it would not alleviate flooding by more than 2 or 3mm in high flood conditions so this was not a high priority for the EA.

Ben Sparrow of Ringway had offered to store sandbags at the Ringway depot on the Bromyard Rd Business Park and help with distribution. The Chairman was to contact him to firm up these arrangements.

The EA had noted local concerns that Flood Alert Warnings were not specific enough to Tenbury which often meant that residents were put on high alert and stressed unnecessarily when there was not current danger of a the river flooding in Tenbury. A more refined warning system was being investigated.

Tenbury High School now agreed as Rest Centre and Control Centre and more vulnerable residents have been identified as priority cased in flood conditions.

Cllr Hudson enquired about the extra funding talked about by Harriet Baldwin. The Chairman confirmed that this would still be subject to the funding rules and there would be insufficient funding to cover the cost of works required in Tenbury.

Cllr Da Costa entered the Chamber at this point in the meeting.

**1.4. To confirm responsibilities and appoint Section Team Leaders (Rest Centres, Sand Bags & Communications/Transport) for update of Emergency Contact Lists.**

Deputy Co-Ordinator – Cllr George Price

Sand Bags – Cllr Price/ Cllr Morgan/Cllr Watson

Communications/Transport – Cllr Ingram/ Cllr da Costa/ Cllr Hudson

Rest Centres – Cllr Corfield/Cllr Fielder

Clerk and Chairman were tasked to update the Team Contact Cards for distribution at the next meeting.

**1.5. Chairmans Matters**

None.

Meeting Closed at 6:50pm

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