

# CSFP Board – Minutes

**Meeting:** CSFP Board

**Date:** Tuesday 10th March 2020; 1:30pm – 4:30pm

**Venue:** Conference Rooms A&B, Cumbria House, 117 Botchergate, Carlisle, CA1 1RD

**Attendees:**

Paul Wood	Allerdale BC	Jane Langston	Eden DC
Bryan Craig	CALC	Elizabeth Radford	Eden Rivers Trust
Doug Coyle	Cumbria County Council	Peter Miles	Environment Agency
Angela Jones	Cumbria County Council	Sharon Kennedy	Environment Agency
Keith Little	Cumbria County Council	Stewart Mounsey	Environment Agency
Richard Denyer	Chair	Jonathan Reade	Highways England
Janet Chapman	Community rep	Tim Duckmanton	LDNPA
Faith Cole	Community rep	Sharma Jencitis	UU
John Kelsall	Community rep	Katie Duffy	UU
Paul Barnes	Community rep	James Halliday	UU
Carolyn Otley	Cumbria CVS	Vikki Salas	West Cumbria Rivers Trust
		Adrian Shepherd	YDNPA

**Officers in Attendance: -**

Anthony Lane	Cumbria County Council	Helen Renyard	Cumbria County Council
Rhuari Bennett	3KQ	Ruth Dalton	3KQ

**Observers: -**

Richard Milne	Carlisle	Luis Eckersley	
Mike Fox	Low Crosby	Lynne Jones	Keswick
Rhian Davies	Carlisle	Richard Guzinski	Windermere Lake Levels Group

**Apologies: -**

Sam Plum	Barrow BC	Sarah James	Lune Rivers Trust
Jane Meek	Carlisle City Council	Chris Kaighin	Natural England
Steven O'Keeffe	Carlisle City Council	Julian Harms	Network Rail
Philip Greenup	Cumbria County Council	Adam Briggs	NFU
Pat Graham	Copeland BC	Adrian Lythgo	RFCC
David Harpley	Cumbria Wildlife Trust	Pete Evoy	South Cumbria Rivers Trust
Ellyse Mather	Environment Agency	David Sykes	South Lakeland District Council
James Bickley	Forestry Commission	Tony Griffiths,	UU
John Ferguson	Highways England	Andrew Kendall	UU
Rachel Osborn	Highways England		

No	Agenda Item	Action
	<p><b>Welcome</b> Apologies as above.</p> <p>Chair thanked everyone for their attendance particularly during the current concerns on the Coronavirus.</p>	
1	<p><b>Minutes of the last Board meeting 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and actions</b>  <b><u>1.1 Accuracy</u></b>  Agreed.</p> <p><b><u>1.2 Action</u></b></p> <p>1.2.1 Minute 1.  <i>Ensure communications to residents around dates and times for gully cleaning to be made a priority for the CCC Highways Service. Action: PS. Outstanding.</i> Paul Sewell is no longer the Communications Officer for County Council Highways. AL had pursued this matter with senior asset managers who acknowledged that making gully cleaning operation schedules visible on the Council website had slipped. This continues to be pursued. In the meantime AL reported that updated information on the issue is available on the CCC website <a href="#">here</a> This provides more information on CCC's approach and includes a You Tube video to encourage communities to clear leaf litter blocking gullies.</p> <p>1.2.2 Minute 1.  <i>Convene a sub-Group of Community Representatives to collate comment on the Environment Agency Evidence Review on Community Engagement. Meet with authors of report to feedback. Action: PM &amp; Community reps.</i> PM reported a meeting had taken place and a draft set of notes will be issued shortly.</p> <p>1.2.3 Minute 2.  <i>Paper on the future of the CSFP website to be brought to the Executive Committee.</i> Noted by the Board Steering Group.</p> <p>1.2.4 Minute 3.2  <i>Updates on s.19 reports as a standing item for meetings of the Steering Group and the CSFP Board.</i> Noted and included in the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>1.2.5 Minute 4.1  <i>Strategy Task Group to proceed to develop a working draft Strategy for presentation to the Board at the next meeting in March 2020.</i> Included in the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>1.2.6 Minute 4.3  <i>Review Highways England Winter Statement and pass any comment to JR.</i> A reminder of this was given to all partners present.</p>	<p><b>RD &amp; Exec. Comm.</b></p>

	<p><b>1.2.7 Minute 4.5</b>  <i>FRMP &amp; RBMP planning process.</i>  <i>Partner organisations will be encouraged to draft a response to the [RBMP] consultation individually. Action: AL</i>  <i>Partner organisations will be asked to submit draft versions of their submissions to CSFP [by the end of February 2020] to enable a joint CSFP response to be [drafted by the end of March 2020]. Action: All</i>  AL reminded partners of the intention to make a joint CSFP response to the RBMP Challenges and Choices consultation and asked for draft responses from partner organisations to be made available to CSFP to facilitate this ASAP.</p> <p><b>1.2.8 Minute 4.6</b>  <i>CSFP members are urged to bring forward consultations that they become aware of that are relevant to CSFP work. All present reminded of the need for ongoing action on this.</i></p> <p><b><u>1.3 Other matters arising</u></b>  No comments.</p>	<p><b>All &amp; AL</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Recent storms in Cumbria</b>  <b><u>2.1 Receive/consider reports</u></b>  DC delivered a verbal report.  CCC worked with the EA on responding to flooding in Appleby, Shap, and Low Crosby. Houses were flooded over the first weekend of storms (Storm Ciara) and some of the same properties had a second flooding the following weekend (Storm Dennis). When investigations are completed, reports produced by CCC or/and EA will be shared with local communities.</p> <p>MF raised concerns regarding accessibility to pumps serving Low Crosby. Keys are available in Brampton during the week but no one is there on a Sunday if there is an emergency. DC confirmed CCC responsibility for this and duty coverage is not as extensive as that provided by the EA. A CCC duty highways Engineer will always respond to potential flooding of properties from the highway. MF suggested it would be good to have a document to share this information with local communities.</p> <p>LE reported no flooding in Carlisle, but some areas were close to being flooded again. Communities were promised by Carlisle City Council a few years back that there was going to be a document issued with a list of places for people to go as a safe place – recovery centres. This has not yet been issued to the community. Water collecting on to Warwick Road is currently being investigated.</p> <p>There was some flooding, that was not reported, as some farms around the county have flooded but they feel it is not worth reporting anymore.</p> <p>Anxiety levels were very high during these recent floods. Media attention focuses on places that actually flooded, The near misses are more instructive and need to be investigated. We should</p>	<p><b>SO</b></p>

	<p>continue to lobby government for more funding. DC noted that initial investigations are afforded to the people who have been flooded and not near misses. Actual flooding justifies this prioritisation.</p> <p>JC shared the content of an email received from a resident of Burneside describing sewage running down street. Floodwater levels were close to those seen in Storm Desmond. Drains needs clearing.</p> <p>JE confirmed that government has announced property grant funding for those affected by the recent flooding. But Cumbria is not the only county to hit the mark. Government has said these grants will not be available to those who have been flooded before. This has made many people very upset.</p> <p>Chair acknowledged the splendid work in the 3 storms of all those charged with protection of life and livelihoods in Cumbria, including extensive preparatory work by EA and CCC staff, and the voluntary action in communities. But he felt special attention should be paid to exploring the underlying problems in Burneside and Appleby, both of which had suffered repeated flooding. He said he will keep attempting to persuade Government of the need for more resources for the agencies /authorities concerned.</p> <p><b><u>2.2 Agree CSFP procedure for acting on lessons learned</u></b></p> <p>Chair stressed the need to undertake such reviews after every flood or near miss. To be reviewed again in a couple of months.</p>	DC
3	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p>3.1 RFCC update. Received and noted</p> <p>3.2 Making Space for Water Group Update. Not tabled. To be issued with minutes.</p> <p>LJ noted that the people of Keswick are very grateful for the projects they can see progressing in the town. The work is very tidy and there has been invitation to see work being undertaken. Lynne wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone involved.</p> <p>3.3 Chair's report RD stated his initial intention was not to have a discussion on this report but he invited questions and comment. PB noted concerns on the need to update new MPs who should have been informed about everything before being elected. This should be remembered for future elections. Chair said he had met with Tim Farron MP and found him to be extremely supportive of CSFP's potential. He offered to give enthusiastic advocacy, guidance and practical support to any government bids from CSFP. But his suggested rapid timeframe had not been met due to the CSFP requirement for support from all Cumbria MPs to be invited simultaneously. This had not been practical on this occasion, given strategy work and Covid19.</p>	AL

	LE noted the lack of interest in flooding frequently expressed by Carlisle MP John Stevenson. When issues are raised with him, there is no response or support. RD confirmed the need get an update of each party's position on flooding.	
4	<p><b>Draft Interim Strategy</b></p> <p>This agenda item was facilitated by Rhuari Bennett of 3KQ. He and members of the Strategy Task Group [Richard Denyer, Doug Coyle, Stewart Mounsey, Carolyn Otley and John Kelsall] delivered a presentation and discussion was then invited on the various elements of the Strategy. RB asked for general feedback and initial thoughts on the Draft Interim Strategy.</p> <p>There was general support (at varying intensities, with some scepticism) for the fundamental development ideas, and the creation of some elements immediately. But many questions and suggestions were left with the new Executive Committee (formed by amalgamation of Board Steering Group and Strategy Task Group) to consider at its coming meetings (first on 26 March). Form Executive Committee by amalgamation of Board Steering Group &amp; Strategy Task Group. Begin work on agreed pilot components of CSFP. Explore legal status options.</p> <p>After the strategy discussion report was available, it would be attached as an annex to the minutes, and circulated.</p>	<p>Exec. Comm.</p> <p>Exec. Comm.</p> <p>Exec. Comm.</p> <p>Exec. Comm.</p> <p>AL</p>
5	<p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <p>Chair said we had made significant progress in the meeting, and since the last one on 16 December. He felt the poems, quotes and graphics in the draft document were powerful testimony to the emotional impact and fear of floods; and to the potential of combined problem-solving. It was hoped that new or revised evidence-based strategic approaches would emerge. But equally, successful interventions should be analysed and celebrated. The recommendations emphasised the search for new ways of collaborating that optimised talents and knowledge of all kinds, and prioritised constructive, respectful and frank dialogue. He hoped that communities, agencies and authorities alike would look back on this day as marking an important building block in the complex process of understanding and taming the power of Cumbrian water using the combined energy and creativity of Cumbrian citizens of all stripes and Cumbria's institutions. He thanked everyone for their contributions, which would all be studied carefully in going forward to the next stages in the strategy-building process. As this gathered pace, there would be more emphasis on action undertaken by different partners.</p>	
6	<p><b>Any Other Competent Business</b></p> <p>None</p>	
	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020, 1330-1630. Conference Rooms A&amp;B, Cumbria House, 117 Botchergate, Carlisle, CA1 1RD</p>	

### Action summary

Minute no.	Action	By
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1.2.7	Partner organisations encouraged to draft a response to the RBMP consultation individually. Partner organisations asked to submit draft versions of their submissions to CSFP ASAP to enable a joint CSFP response to be drafted.	All & AL
1.2.8	CSFP members are urged to bring forward consultations that they become aware of that are relevant to CSFP work.	All
2.1	Update on plans from Carlisle City Council for recovery centres in Carlisle during flood events	SO
2.2	Reviewing flooding in Burneside and Staveley and extending investigations to all near misses.	DC
3.2	Issue Making Space for Water Update	AL
4	Review discussions in Draft Interim Strategy report	Exec. Comm.
4	Form Executive Committee by amalgamation of Board Steering Group & Strategy Task Group.	Exec. Comm.
4	Begin work on agreed pilot components of CSFP.	Exec. Comm.
4	Explore legal status options.	Exec. Comm.
4	Issue report on Strategy discussions with minutes.	AL