

Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo Community Council Resilience Group

Note of meeting held in Auchtermuchty Community Centre on 1st February 2024

1. Present: Andy Heer, Julia Sutherland, Maaike Cook, Fiona Smith, Bill Torrance, Ian Donaldson, Annette Scott
From Falkland Flood Action Group: John Brown, Marilyn Workman, John Smith
2. Apologies: George Orr, Catriona Macdonald
3. Election of chair: It was agreed that Andy Heer should chair the group meantime.
4. Membership: All agreed that the group should be kept to a manageable size but it was agreed to invite Neil Brand and William Webster and a resident of Strathmiglo whose house was flooded (Maaike knows her).
5. Aims: There was wide-ranging discussion but it was broadly agreed that while we need to consider “tactical” issues such as drains, flood pods and SUDS the strategic aim of the group should be a holistic view of the area with the intent of slowing down the ingress of water into the watercourses, principally the River Eden and Auchtermuchty Burn.
In the long term the group should also act as a source of information to our communities.
6. Next meeting: It was agreed to invite Kasha Jarosz from Scottish Flood Forum to our next meeting to give us advice on how to progress. It was understood that she could attend via Teams.
7. Date of next meeting: To be held in approximately one month’s time.

Thanks to the members of Falkland Flood Action Group for their attendance and advice.

Falkland Flood Action Group in conjunction with Scottish Flood Forum are hoping to organise an exhibition of flood defence products. Date to be advised.

Several members of the group will attend the River Eden Catchment Area meeting in Letham on 12th February and will report back.