

Summary Notes

South Cumbria Catchment Management Group

26th November 2018

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Sixth meeting of South Cumbria Catchment Management Group:

Summary

- The PWG continue to progress the 25 projects on the Phase I list. A full overview of progress can be found on the Becks to Bay website, this has been developed to aid reporting to the CMG and now the public: <https://btob.scrt.co.uk/south-cumbria-catchment-plan/cumbria-floods-partnership/project-progress>
- An update on the work at Grange over Sands and some of the issues was presented. It was highlighted that none of the traditional funding schemes were applicable in this instance and so there was very little incentive for landowners to engage; this is where the partnership can add value.

Decision Support Tool: Community Matrix

- A decision support tool was presented, with emphasis on the fact that this is a support tool only. There was general agreement that the tool could work, and as a first point of sifting it was fine.
- The matrix pulls together evidence, currently with a flood focus, to enable the groups to make decisions on how to shape a project pipeline.
- Following this a community at risk strategy was proposed;
 - CMG enables and therefore has a role in more complex catchments, which are place-based with a longer time-frame.
 - PWG are deliverers and so could focus on some of the smaller scale short/medium term projects which are feasible and could include some of the quicker wins
 - Support by the CMG and PWG to deliver the Phase I projects which are already underway
- It was emphasized that we are trying to create an agenda for action, and that this is the first version.
- Members agreed with the principles, but thought the matrix needs re-financing before a decision can be made.

Action: Anthony Lane to source Surface Water Modelling, Pete Miles to source businesses flooded information and Jayne to refine the matrix and circulate to the group for comment.

- It was thought that a mix of small scale and large-scale projects and of project types would be good. Consideration should also be given to planning constraints.
- Innovation; there is work on-going on Q-NFM. Lancaster and CEH have also submitted a project proposal to NERC with a focus of drawing together available data on Windermere.
- The Windermere Lake Action Plan for 2017-2022 is now underway.

Next meeting: February 26th 2019.

Full notes of the meeting are attached or available on the Becks to Bay & CSFP website.