

Summary Notes

South Cumbria Catchment Management Group

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Seventh meeting of South Cumbria Catchment Management Group:

Summary

- The Project Working Group continue to progress the 36 projects on the Phase I list. A full overview of progress can be found on the Becks to Bay website, <https://btob.scrt.co.uk/south-cumbria-catchment-plan/cumbria-floods-partnership/project-progress>
- SCRT delivered an NFM project to install 10 large woody debris structures above Troutbeck bridge which has been well received by the local community. However, there are difficulties with the NFM programme. It was not made clear until December 2018 that full outline business cases needed to be submitted for all the NFM projects by the end of February 2019. It is not feasible in this short time frame work up the full business cases and this may result in some projects not being funded. The group agreed that the funding process was too demanding and complex for what should be a new, innovative programme of relatively small-scale projects.

Action: Pete Miles to check on the status of all business's cases for the NFM programme

Action: Pete Evoy to raise the difficulties associated with the funding structure at the next CSFP

- Via the LEP and CRAG groups there are further opportunities to raise this.
- The LDNP planning role and a summary of the Routes to Resilience programme was presented.
- The community forms developed by the Project Working Group were endorsed. These collate all the evidence for each community and help to 'funnel' this through to highlight opportunities and develop an action plan. There are still some gaps to complete before opportunities can be reviewed. These also need to be taken to the communities for a QA.

Action: Environment Agency and United Utilities to supply information to fill the gaps.

Action: Work with local communities to develop the local knowledge section

- The group was asked what approach they feel should be adopted for the top 6 communities.
- While it was agreed that there are some gaps in information on the decision support tool and some of the weightings need refining, there was endorsement of the tool and a general agreement that we now need to use this to develop projects and action.
- It believed that a different approach should be taken for communities at the top of the list compared to those further down to facilitate the quicker/ easier solutions.
- It was noted that 4 of the communities in the top 6 are within the Leven catchment with interventions planned or in place for Kendal and Ulverston. The Leven catchment is affected by a number of issues and there is a role to look at this separately.
- An update was given on the Q-NFM project and opportunities for modelling
- CASYWat is a project focussed on the Windermere catchment to develop a systems thinking approach.

Full notes of the meeting are attached or can be found on the Becks to Bay website.