

Yorkshire Water Funding Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 24th April 2024

Those present:

David Llewellyn (DL) (Chairman), Edgar Jenkins (EJ), Jenny Walker (JW), Dan Dent (DD), Martyn Whistler (MW), Martin Stott (MS), Howard Thomas (HT), Alun Johnson (AH) & council Clerk Marina Briggs (MB).

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted for Louise Priestman, Andy Morson Stephen Pritchard and Claire Hodgson.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2024

Approved and duly signed by the Chairman

3. Update from DD on the funded case study with Severn Trent Water

DD informed the meeting that the DWI were reluctant to release any information about a similar case study, but he will keep trying. It was discussed that if it involved MOD land, that the funding may have come from that direction.

ACTION: DD is to continue trying to obtain information.

4. To report that the UKSPF pre application had been submitted and the information regarding the COF had been passed to the PC

MB reported that the application for the UKSPF had been rejected on grounds that it was not suitable to fit the Community Climate Action criteria, but that an application could be made for the water meter aspect of the project.

ACTION: MW and MS to look at the application for the UKSPF for the water meter aspect of the project.

5. Update from MB on the letters sent to our MP and the NYC

MB informed the meeting that Rishi Sunak has referred the letter to DEFRA and will contact the YWFC when he has a response.

Carl Les from NYC has passed the information on to Nick Harne and Callum McKeon (Assistant Director of Regulatory Services). Callum McKeon has emailed to say that he would like to meet with the sub committee when Karin Sedgwick is back from holiday (10th May) to discuss the situation further. He offered help with providing a support officer to help with grants, advice on the structure of the community groups to ensure the correct constitutions are in place and advice on the remit of the PC and whether there are any other options regarding funding.

ACTION: MB to arrange a meeting with Callum McKeon from NYC.

6. Update from JW and MB regarding the house survey

JW informed the meeting that she had met with MB and confirmed information about each property and would be updating the list in due course.

ACTION: JW to complete property list and circulate the list as soon as possible.

7. Capital Cost model for the YW and PWD options prepared by AM (circulated prior to the meeting)

Observations were made that the model would benefit from the following additions:

On the YW side, include indicative costs of water charges per house per year to get a total cost of water provision.

On PWS, need to add in costs for project management for monitoring the quality of the installation of a new main and a Clerk of Works to oversee the works on a daily basis.

ACTION: AM to update capital cost model with the additional information

Comments were raised as to whether, if funding could be obtained from COF, the main should be replaced to a standard whereby YW might be able to take it over in the future.

JW informed the meeting that Culligans had met with members of the water committee and had been asked to draw up a new quote. New water samples of different sources are to be taken and the quote based on what the samples require to provide safe water.

ACTION: So that the YWFC and PC can present a full picture to the village, the PC, via JW, is to be requested to provide accurate costings per household for the annual running of the PWS including servicing and maintaining the plant, a sinking fund based on replacement of the plant after 20 years and management of the plant on a daily basis.

8. Update from SP and MW regarding the capital funding model (spreadsheet circulated prior to the meeting)

MW presented the model to the meeting outlining different outcomes depending on funding received, up front contributions from householders and businesses and loan funding.

AJ confirmed that at present businesses would be able to claim contributions back as a capital cost but this may change in April 2025.

There is no way at present to force businesses to contribute, but legal advice from NYC may help in ascertaining how to do this.

9. Update from MW on change to the Project Plan

Nothing needed at present, but will be reviewed for the next meeting.

10. Discussion on next steps

A proposed plan of action (subject to discussion and agreement with the PC at the meeting on the 9th May 2024) was discussed:

The PWS committee to agree full costing of plant and main replacement and to ascertain the annual running costs for the plant

Present the information for both options in an easy format presentation for the village and a paper setting out the cost and implications of both options

Request a steer from the village in the form of a paper census based on one indication per household.

11. AOB

None

12. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 15th May, 7pm. Coverdale Memorial Hall Annexe

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.04pm

Summary of Actions for YWFC

ACTION	Person responsible
Continue asking for information regarding the case study with Severn Trent	Dan Dent
Look at the application for the UKSPF for the water meter aspect of the project.	Martyn Whistler, Martin Stott
Arrange a meeting with Callum McKeon from NYC	Marina Briggs
Complete property list and circulate	Jenny Walker
Update capital cost model with the additional information	Andy Morson
Request PWS costings from PC	Marina Briggs/Jenny Walker