

APPENDIX

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1st August 2007.

Councillor John-Paul Champion
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Wyre Forest District Council
7/8 New Street
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Dear John-Paul,

Riddings Brook Flood Committee

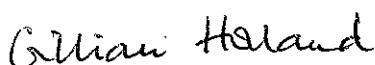
Following our conversation yesterday evening, I'm writing to you on behalf of the newly-formed Riddings Brook Flood Committee to ask if Wyre Forest District Council would support them with a funding contribution.

The Riddings Brook Flood Group was formed as a sub-group of Bewdley Residents' Flood Committee following the flash flooding of the Queensway estate on 19th June. BRFC has been in existence since November 2000 and has a well-established network of flooding contacts and a good reputation with the Authorities both locally and nationally. We are also set up with a Treasurer, a bank account, data handling statement, etc. from which the new group can benefit.

BRFC has just received an emergency contribution of £300 from Bewdley Town Council in recognition of its work on this summer's flooding. In the Spring BTC refused us a grant on the grounds that now that everyone was defended, the organisation had no work to do. This was ignoring the contribution that BRFC continues to make to the management of river flooding within the town, all of which is done on a voluntary basis. If possible, we would like to keep the BTC funding to support those affected by the Severn, especially as this very wet summer will increase the risk of river flooding this winter.

It would be very helpful and a great encouragement to the new Riddings Brook group if they could be allocated funds of their own. I have already approached the Environment Agency over this and was told that although the EA could offer help in kind with copying (at Tewkesbury), because of the earlier Defra cuts, they have no funding at present for the support of community flood groups.

Yours sincerely,



Gillian Holland
Acting Chair, Riddings Brook Flood Group
Bewdley Residents' Flood Committee representative for Wribbenhall