

## NEWTON STEWART FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME

### Newsletter

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**Information for the Cree Valley Community Council, Cree Valley Flood Action Group, Residents, Businesses and Stakeholders from Dumfries and Galloway Council**

**WELCOME** to our first Newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed of news, progress and works planned for the Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme. Frequency of the bulletins will be dictated by progress of the scheme.

#### **SOLWAY LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Dumfries and Galloway Council published the Solway Local Flood Risk Management Plan (LFRMP) on the 22 June 2016, which is available to view online at <http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15215/Flood-risk-management-plan>. The LFRMP details how and when the actions to deliver the goals set out in the SEPA Flood Risk Management Strategy are to be included in the first planning cycle from 2016 to 2022.

Dumfries and Galloway Council are developing a flood protection scheme for Newton Stewart with the proposed delivery timetable:

Q4 2016 – Q4 2017 – development of a flood protection scheme design for Newton Stewart.

Q1 2018 – promotion of flood protection scheme in accordance with Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 and associated 2010 Regulations.

Q2 and Q3 2018 – production of detailed design and tender documentation, (assuming no public inquiry).

Q1 2019 – Q2 2020 – scheme construction and completion.

#### **WORKS IN PROGRESS:**

Riverside road wall repair: Design of the new wall allows for the height to be increased in future as part of the delivery of a flood protection scheme for Newton Stewart during the first cycle (2016-2022) of the Local Flood Risk Management Plan. Design is completed and Enterprising Services (Wigtown) will be commencing the works on 29 August 2016. The works will take 12 weeks to complete.



*Riverside wall, Newton Stewart*

Sparling Bridge: At a meeting attended by members of the Cree Valley Community Council (CVCC) concerns were expressed about the Council's proposal to relocate the bridge immediately upstream of its current position on new, raised abutment supports. It was felt that a better location for the raised structure would be to move it some 100m downstream to reduce visual impact and reduce the need for approach

ramps on the Newton Stewart bank which is at a higher level.

Accordingly, the Council will undertake a survey of the potential site, undertake preliminary design work and bring forward proposals with a view to construction in spring/summer 2017.

It was also requested that the existing deck be removed as soon as possible in order to avoid any impact on flooding over the coming months. The means of undertaking this operation are currently being investigated.



Sparling Bridge surcharging during Storm Frank

### **NEW FLOOD WARNING**

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency will continue with the development and implementation of a warning scheme for the Newton Stewart area on the River Cree. The launch date for the scheme has yet to be finalised and more information will follow shortly

### **SELF HELP**

Everyone is responsible for protecting themselves and their property from flooding. Dumfries and Galloway Council has a Flood Product Subsidy Scheme in place, for further information visit the following webpage <http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/flooding>. Signing up to Floodline provides live flooding information and advice on how to prepare for, or cope with, the impacts of flooding.

### **STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETINGS**

Our Council does keep the Community Council and Flood Action Group briefed on all matters but we appreciate that it is important that this information reaches beyond these groups. It is our Council's intention to enhance this information by issuing a regular newsletter to the community of Newton Stewart.

The council will attend meetings where the aims are:

- to explain proposals for the flood defences
- to outline the construction programme
- to answer your questions and collect information on particular stakeholder issues

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

*Who is funding the scheme?*

80% of the funding for the flood defence scheme is coming from the Scottish Government, with Dumfries and Galloway Council contributing the remainder.

### **HOW WILL WE KEEP YOU INFORMED?**

Regular updates on progress of the scheme will be provided via these regular News Bulletins which will be published on the Council's website and local notice boards. If you have any comments or questions about the scheme or would like to discuss in more detail please contact us via the dedicated email address below.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

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