

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

RIVER RHYMNEY TASK GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, TREDOMEN ON MONDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER 1997 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Simon Jackson - Chairman

Councillor:

J. Wood

Together with:

Special Projects Officer, Committee Services Manager, District EHO (SJ).

Also Present:

Messrs. V. Williams, J. Hogg, H. Prosser, K. Parker and R. Woodyatt.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Slarke and T.J. Williams.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting of the Task Group held on the 29th September 1997 (a copy of which had been circulated to all present) were agreed as a correct record.

REVIEW OF CONSULTANTS' BIDS

Members were reminded that at the last meeting a list of consultants had been agreed and that the brief would be circulated and submissions invited. The Special Projects Officer explained that, after examining the bids received and following consultations with all parties on the Task Group, Hyder Consulting appeared to be the favoured choice, having regard to technical approval and fees. They had therefore been invited to make a presentation to the Task Group. The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Messrs. R. Coulton, M. Gallop and P. Younger from Hyder Consulting who gave a brief presentation and described the approach they would take and illustrated a possible solution. They put forward options for the socio-economic analysis. Members of the Task Group then raised a number of issues with Hyder. Following the presentation the Chairman thanked them for attending and they then withdrew from the meeting.

It was agreed that:-

- (a) Hyder Consulting be appointed to undertake the Feasibility Study on the River Rhymney Minewater discharge using the reduced scope option in the sum of £7087. (Their total fee, excluding VAT, for the work being £22,437.)
- (b) They would be asked to ensure the study enforced all options available, including hydraulic balancing.

It was agreed that a further meeting of the Task Group would be held when the feasibility study was complete. The Special Projects Officer would act as the liaison between the consultants and Members on the Task Group, and would provide Hyder with details of the names and addresses of Task Group members so that documents could be sent direct to members, if appropriate.
