

Tayside Waders Community Flood Plan

# Part Of Aberfeldy Community Emergency Plan

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**IF YOU ARE IN  
IMMEDIATE DANGER  
CALL 999**



*Above: Typical Flood Scene at Aberfeldy Caravan Park*

# EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

## COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GROUP COORDINATORS

Name: <b>Ron Young</b>
24hr telephone contact
Email:

In the event of flooding and other risks and emergencies Tayside Waders have resources and equipment that can be deployed anywhere in Aberfeldy to support community resilience.

In the event of a flooding emergency a named representative from Tayside Waders will be the **first point of contact** as a key holder to flood defence equipment.

Name: Val Ferguson: Tayside Waders
24hr telephone contact: Key holder to flood defence equipment
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Name: Janet Hutchison: Secretary Tayside Waders
Key holder to flood defence equipment
Email: <a href="mailto:j.hutchison35@hotmail.com">j.hutchison35@hotmail.com</a>

Name: Councillor Michael Williamson
Email: <a href="mailto:MWilliamson@pkc.gov.uk">MWilliamson@pkc.gov.uk</a>

Emergency Responders in the Tayside Local Resilience Partnership (LRP) area see Community Resilience Groups (CRG) as part of a network of volunteers who will take action to help themselves and others in their community in an emergency. Recognising this commitment, Emergency Responders are keen to support CRGs develop plans including the timely flow of information between responders and CRGs.

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SUPPORT CENTRE

Building	Location	Facilities	Contact
Aberfeldy Town Hall <a href="http://www.locuscentre.org">www.locuscentre.org</a>	The Locus Centre Crieff Road The Square Aberfeldy PH15 2DD	Kitchen Toilets Showers	Ron Young
Aberfeldy Parish Church <a href="http://aberfeldyparishchurch.org">http://aberfeldyparishchurch.org</a>	Taybridge Road Aberfeldy PH15 2BH	Kitchens Toilets	Janet Hutchison
Breadalbane Community Campus <a href="http://www.breadalbane.pkc.scot.nhs.uk/BCC/">www.breadalbane.pkc.scot.nhs.uk/BCC/</a>	Crieff Road Aberfeldy PH15 TDU	Kitchen Toilets Showers Café Rest areas	John Devine Jenda Westwood Business Managers

A Community Emergency Support Centre is a place where people can go to keep safe and receive information and support. The Town Hall has facilities that make it a suitable venue for being the Community Emergency Support Centre in Aberfeldy. The Community Resilience Group should be able to use the Town Hall's facilities to prepare hot beverages, cold finger foods and, if appropriate, hot food when hosting vulnerable (evacuated) residents or stranded travellers/holidaymakers. Food supplies can be donated or bought from local shops with costs claimed back through PKC.

As the designated Emergency Support Centre, the Town Hall will be priority to be reconnected to the grid in the event of a power cut. SSE can arrange for generated power through the local substation if the situation demands.

Tayside Waders Secretary is a Church Elder with Church of Scotland and Aberfeldy Parish Church can be made available as a backup option for the Aberfeldy Emergency Plan.

This plan is distributed to the following people and organisations.

Name	Role	Phone Numbers / E-mail	Issued on
Ron Young	Aberfeldy Community Resilience Coordinator		
Cordelia Menmuir	SEPA Flood Advisor		
Scott Symon	Scottish Fire Rescue Service		
John Handling	Perth Kinross Council		
Amanda Nicholson	Police Scotland		
Janet Hutchison	Flood Group Secretary		
Marlene Robertson	Flood Group Committee		
Val Ferguson	Flood Group Committee		
Pete Scott	Flood Group Committee		
John Mackenzie	Aberfeldy Caravan Park		
Neil Macadam Joan Veitch	Football Park/Club		
Norma Carr	PKC Community Warden		

Paul Laidlaw	Scottish Flood Forum Resilience		
Paul Hendy	Scottish Flood Forum Recoder		

**CHANGES TO PLAN**

Name	Details of changes made	Changed by	Date for next revision

**KEY CONTACTS IN THE EVENT OF A FLOOD EMERGENCY**

**See Communication strategy embedded below**

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## **AIM, OBJECTIVES AND KEY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Aim**

- The aim of this plan is to set out the Tayside Waders arrangements to deal effectively with a flood event primarily in Tayside Crescent, Cottages and Aberfeldy Caravan Park areas as these are high risk flood areas. In the event of flooding in other areas of Aberfeldy the resources of Tayside Waders can be deployed to assist community resilience activities.

### **Objectives**

- Ensure that where possible, lives and property are protected during a flood event
- Minimise disruption during a flood event and re-establish normality as soon as possible once the flood water subsides
- Identify the key community and council contacts during any flood event

### **Tayside Waders Key Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **Tayside Waders**

- Alerting the council and the community to a flood or a potential flood in Tayside Crescent, Cottages, Caravan Park and other areas of Aberfeldy.
- Passing information between organisations and the community.
- Activating sandbag/flood protection resources deployment when required

## Aberfeldy Flood Zones

In recognition of previous flood events and for the purposes of this plan, Aberfeldy town is represented using the SEPA flood maps.

### Aberfeldy Flood Map Overview: No Flooding

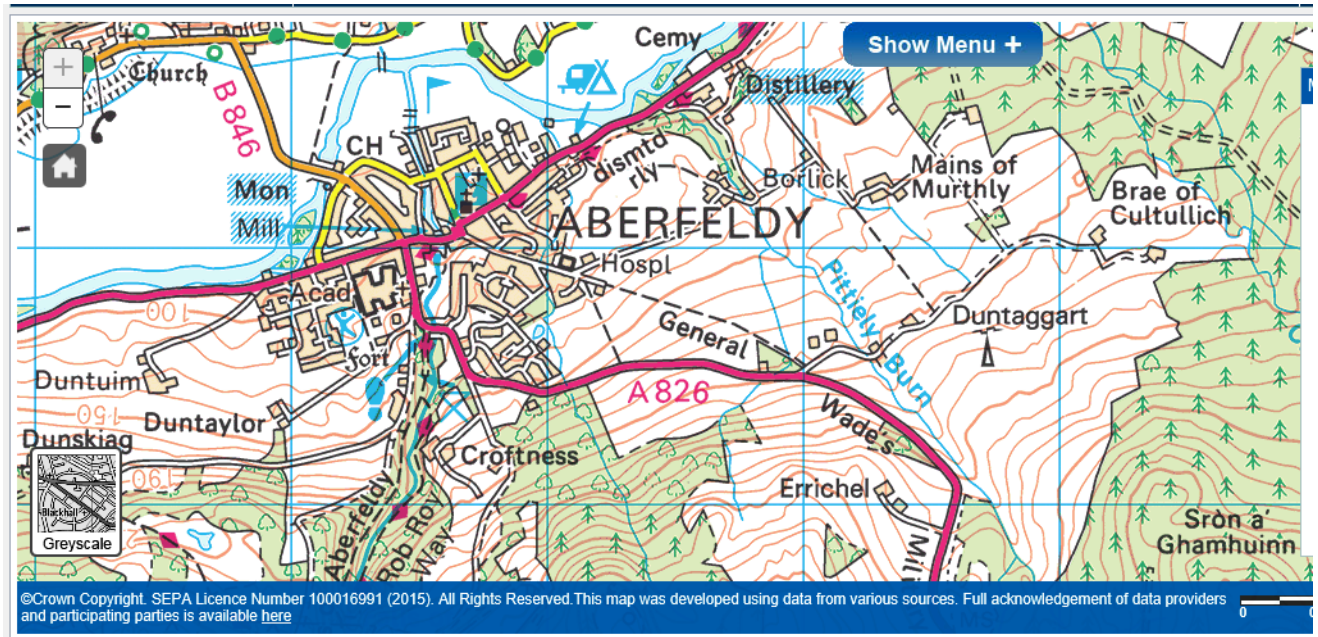


Figure 1: No Flooding

### Aberfeldy Flood Map Overview: Low Flooding Risk

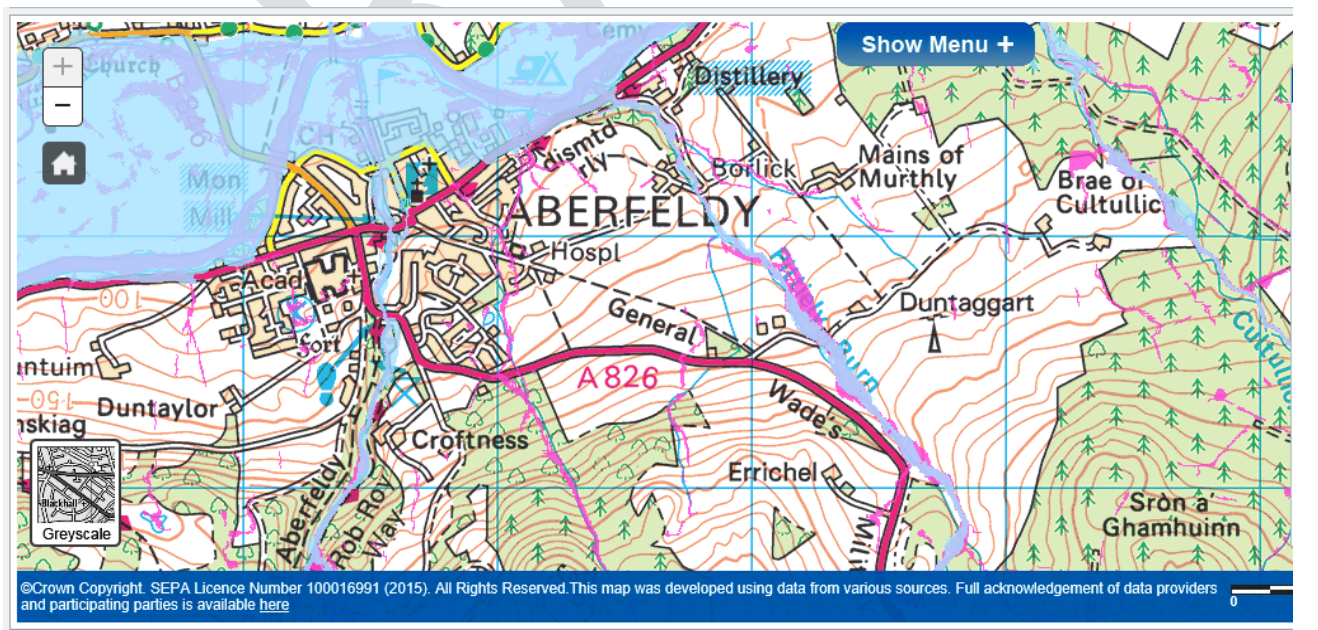


Figure 2: Low Flood Risk

## Aberfeldy Flood Map Overview: Medium Flooding Risk

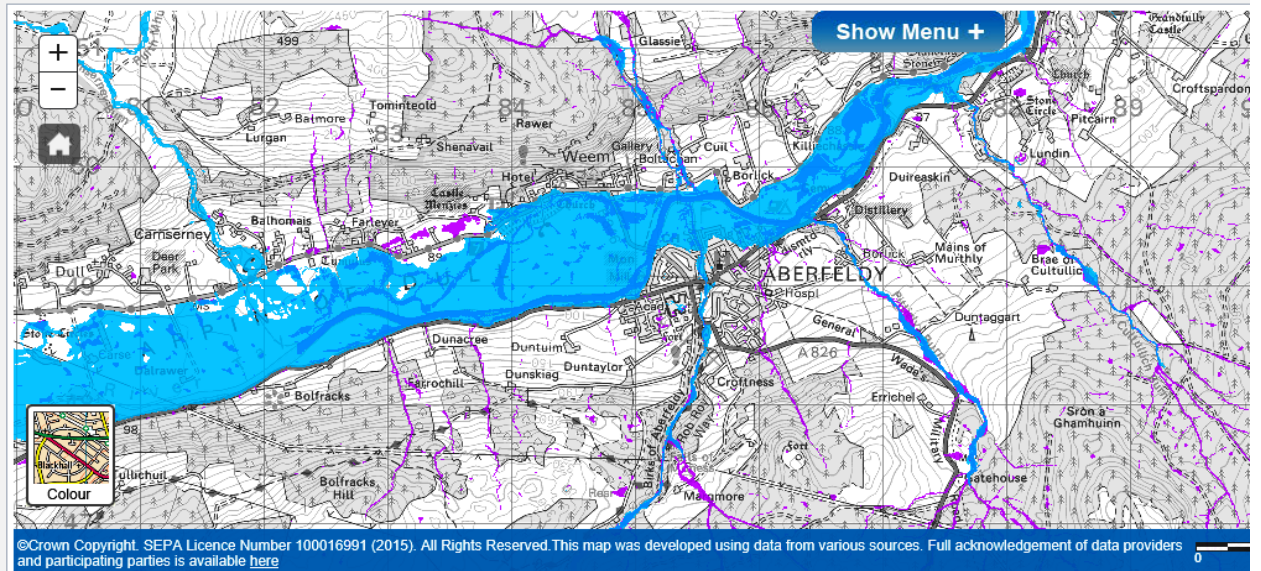


Figure 3: Medium Flood Risk

## Aberfeldy Flood Map Overview: High Flooding Risk

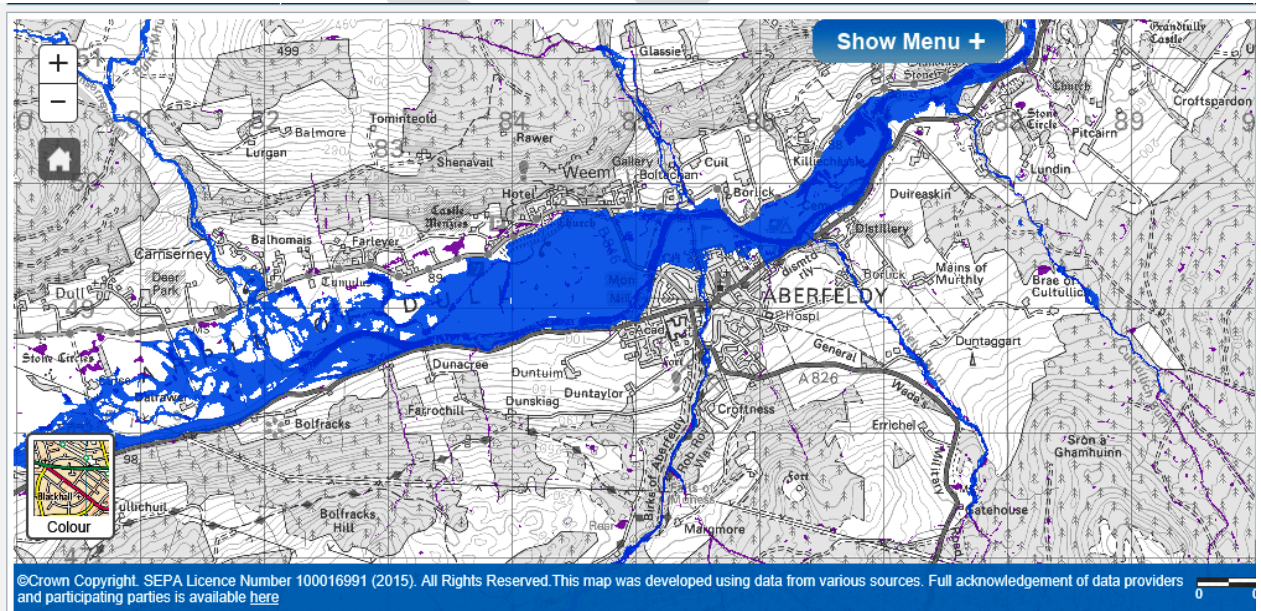


Figure 4: High Flood Risk



## **Flooding Response in Aberfeldy**

The Moness Burn and the River Tay are identified as the main source of flooding in Aberfeldy. However, other sources should not be discounted and residents should remain alert to other sources of flooding, in particular, the risk from surface water flooding should not be underestimated.

Because the Moness Burn is not specifically covered on the SEPA flood warning list, TWA and others should register to receive SEPA Flood Alert messages and they should also monitor the Tayside Flood Alerts from SEPA using the Floodline number 0845 988 1188.

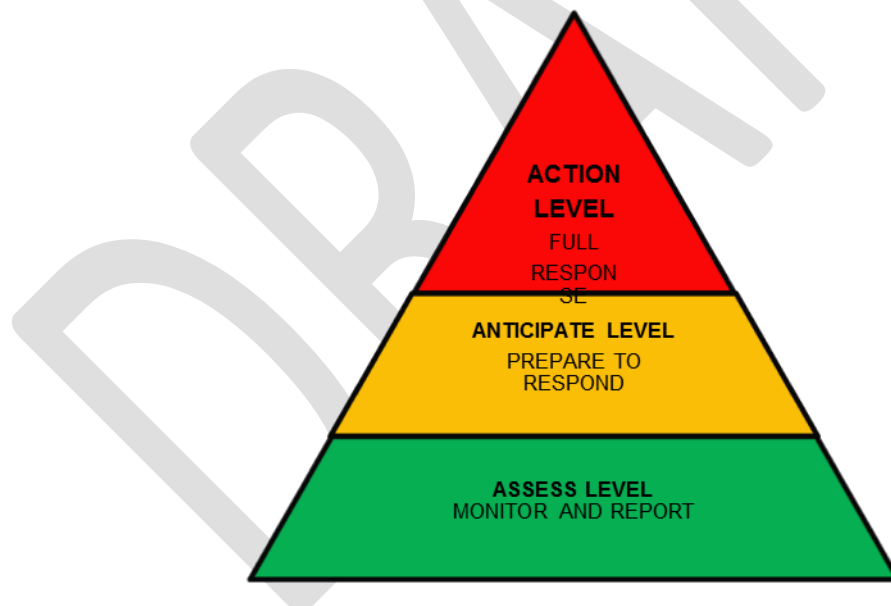
### **Carrying Out Flood Actions:**

TWA and the Aberfeldy Resilience Group will be determined by a traffic light system.

**Red: Full response**

**Amber: Prepare to respond**

**Green: Monitor and report**



The trigger points for TWA and others to act will be a combination of the following factors:

- Local knowledge and experience
- SEPA flood alerts and warnings
- Local observations
- Flood water in golf course
- Flood water approaching properties

### **ASSESS LEVEL:**

TWA members should routinely check the burn water levels and report any blockages or damage to the banks or culverts to the relevant riparian owner.

Suggest Riparian owners are listed here with their consent.

Riparian owners will carry out routine maintenance of the burn and its culverts and clear any blockages or repair damage in response to any reports.

Additional monitoring by TWA will be required when levels rise, when alerts are issued or when there is heavy rain or snow.

### **ANTICIPATE LEVEL:**

At this point the Flood Group should:

1. Monitor levels and when they exceed agreed anticipated level, contact PKC on 01738 476476 (24/7). Notify the PKC ERDO (see communication arrangements).
2. Notify the Aberfeldy Community Resilience Coordinator
2. Make initial preparations by notifying residents at risk and pre-positioning defences
3. Assist vulnerable residents to prepare where necessary.

The extent of preparation within the community should be appropriate with the rate of rising water levels and the weather and flood forecasts.

### **ACTION LEVEL:**

At this point the Flood Group should:

1. Inform residents of the risk and advise they deploy any defences in full.
2. TWA and Resilience Coordinator should arrange for assistance to help vulnerable residents to deploy defences where necessary.

Once levels recede, activity should be scaled down accordingly and residents informed.

### **Local Management of any Flooding Event**

TWA should contact residents as soon as possible once the **anticipate level** has been implemented and continue to update at regular intervals until the situation returns to normal.

A log of actions and decisions should commence as soon as possible once the **anticipate level** is reached to aid lessons learnt after the event.

The Flood Group should also meet following any event that escalated to the Anticipate and/or Action levels to de-brief the event and review all actions taken, the effectiveness of all actions and identify lessons for the future.

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## Response level action prompts for Aberfeldy Waders:

### ASSESS – Normal Conditions, monitor and report

Flood group members conduct periodic checks of water levels and blockages or damage to the culverts in the Moness Burn and River Tay.

### ON DISCOVERY OF ANY BLOCKAGE OR DAMAGE TO A CULVERT

<b>Action:</b>	Contact Riparian owner and report the problem. Should this fail to elicit a response, contact PKC on 01738 476476 (24/7)
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### ANTICIPATE– Increased awareness, prepare to respond during periods of heavy rain/snow and when alerts are received

Flood Group conducts additional checks of the Moness Burn and River Tay checking water levels and any blockages or damage to the culverts when it is safe to do so.

### ON DISCOVERY OF ANY BLOCKAGE OR DAMAGE TO A CULVERT

<b>Action:</b>	Contact Riparian owner and report the problem. Should this fail to elicit a response, contact PKC on 01738 476476 (24/7). Notify the PKC ERDO (see communication arrangements).
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### WHEN WATER LEVELS CONTINUE TO RISE

<b>Action:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure that alerts received are circulated throughout the community</li> <li>2. Monitor levels and when they exceed agreed anticipated level, notify the PKC ERDO (see communication arrangements)</li> <li>3. Notify the Aberfeldy Community Resilience Coordinator</li> <li>4. Make initial preparations by notifying residents at risk and pre-positioning defences</li> <li>5. Assist vulnerable residents to prepare where necessary</li> </ol>
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**Action – Respond**

**WHEN WATER LEVELS REACH AGREED ANTICIPATED LEVELS**

<b>Action:</b>	<p>1. Inform residents of the risk and advise they deploy any defences in full.</p> <p>2. TWA and Resilience Coordinator should arrange for assistance to help vulnerable residents to deploy defences where necessary.</p> <p>Once levels recede, activity should be scaled down accordingly and residents informed.</p>
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**WHEN WATER LEVELS RECEDE**

<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Flood Group</b>	Notify the PKC ERDO (see communication arrangements)

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# LOCAL RISK ASSESSMENT AND ACTIONS

## **1 - Hazard/Risk**

Flooding

### **Likelihood/Impact**

- High risk in the Tayside Crescent area
- High risk to the Caravan Park
- Risk to Life (drowning)
- Risk to properties – homes and businesses (flooded)
- Evacuations

### **Preparation**

- Monitor weather conditions
- Provide regular updates to the community including Tayside Waders and Caravan Park occupants (social media)
- Check communications with volunteers and emergency responders
- Provide regular updates to volunteers and emergency responders
- Take preparatory action if forecast advises (Amber – Be Prepared)
  - Tayside Waders prepare to activate flood plan
  - Community Resilience Coordinator prepares to open Town Hall as an Emergency Support Centre.
  - Community Resilience Coordinator prepare for the mobilisation of volunteers to support evacuees in the Emergency Support Centre

### **Action**

- Monitor weather conditions
- Provide regular updates to the community including Tayside Waders and Caravan Park occupants (social media)
- Provide regular updates to emergency responders
- Take action if forecast/local conditions dictate
  - Tayside Waders activate flood plan
  - Community Resilience Coordinator to open Town Hall as an Emergency Support Centre.
  - Community Resilience Coordinator mobilise volunteers to support evacuees in the Emergency Support Centre
- Maintain communications with emergency responders
- Maintain communications with volunteers (including Tayside Waders) and emergency responders

## LOCAL SKILLS AND RESOURCES

The following skills/resources from within the community may need to be called upon in the event of an emergency situation:

### Specific Flood Risks:



Risks	Impact On Community	TWA Actions
Flooding from River Tay and Moness Burn	Street flooding and damage to homes and property	<p>Advise and inform residents</p> <p>Encourage and work with residents to prepare and install flood defences</p> <p>Monitor river/burn levels and provide early warning to PKC and residents</p> <p>Identify and support at risk or vulnerable people in at risk areas</p> <p>Deploy TWA flood defence equipment to areas at risk as required.</p>

### Local Skills and Resources:

Name/Organisation	Skill/Resource	Contact	Location
Tayside Waders	<p>Number of synthetic sandbags and traditional hessian filled sandbags.</p> <p>Four water pumps mounted on trolley for rapid deployment</p>	Val Ferguson	Garage Tayside Crescent.
Medical	Emergency Services	999	

Tayside 4 x 4 Transport Volunteers	Deployed through the Tayside LRP. Requests for assistance through the PKC ERDO		
Marshall Farmers	Jonathan Marshall		
Football Club Mobile Lighting Rig			

**Emergency Contact List:**

	Name: Val Ferguson
	Position: Tayside Waders
	Contact: :
	Email:
	Name: Janet Hutchison
	Position: Secretary
	Contact:
	Email:
	Name: PKC Councillor Michael Williamson
	Position: Group Member/Local Councillor
	Contact:
	Email:



**Other issues to consider:**

What flood warnings could help this plan and are any new flood warnings planned for the Aberfeldy area?

What resources or arrangements are in place to assist with flood defence equipment deployment?

What should trigger or assist decision making for green, amber and red response levels?

What process can be used for identifying vulnerable individuals for PKC and TWA both formally and informally and how should information be stored?

After any incident all parties should meet to review responses and agree any lessons through a debrief report and implement actions.

If rest or evacuation centre is activated what is the plan for moving through response, recovery to normality and back to resilience development?

What if telephone system is down for communications? What is the alternative communication plan?

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