

STONEHAVEN FLOODING 1 NOVEMBER 2009

DEBRIEFING 2PM FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2009, VIEWMOUNT

Objective:

Aberdeenshire Council – Emergency Planning Policies and Procedures January 2009 states:

“Debriefing Process

It is imperative that Aberdeenshire Council carries out its own internal debriefing procedures during and as soon as possible after an emergency/disaster. It would also be prudent to extend the process to involve other agencies including community and the voluntary organisations.

The purpose of debriefing is to identify positive and negative issues arising out of an event or situation. These issues can then be examined and the learning outcomes fed back into the Emergency Planning process.

This process should not be confused with psychological debriefing which is designed to allow individuals or groups to normalise their feelings about the event/s and enable disengagement. “

- The meeting will be conducted in a structured manner to establish and record facts. This requires everyone to approach it in an open, honest, objective, patient manner with no blame being attached.
- Then the information gathered will be compared with procedures.
- Next is identification of what worked well and what did not, in the circumstances.
- Action will then be recommended for appropriate bodies.
- It is possible that this exercise may require a second session, but every effort will be made to make the process efficient in terms of people's time, without being detrimental to the objectives.

Stage 1: Capturing What Happened

- a. Lead up to the flood
Mechanism of the flood
Bervie Braes
- b. Details of alerts, calls responses for all agencies
- c. Decision to evacuate
Evacuation and rescue operation
- d. Establishment and operation of rest centre
- e. Monday clear up
- f. Tuesday onwards

Stage 2: Comparison with Procedures

**Stage 3: What Worked Well
What didn't Work Well**

Stage 4: Additional Information Required?

Stage 5: Recommendations

Organisations Involved (in no particular order)

Grampian Police
Grampian Fire and rescue Service
Maritime Rescue Institute
Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Grampian Emergency Planning Unit
Aberdeenshire Council
Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Scottish Water
WRVS
Red Cross
Stonehaven and District Community Council
Royal Hotel