



<b>Title of Meeting:</b>	<b>ADA Cymru meeting</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Venue:</b>	NRW Office, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, LL57 2DW
<b>Attendees:</b>	Hubert Jones, Leigh O'Connor, Steve Cresswell (SC), John Markwick (JM), Dylan Williams (DW), Rowland Davies (RD), Glyn Griffiths, James West (JW), Ann Griffith, Innes Thomson (IT), Nigel Humphreys, Pete Woodhouse, Matt Bajowski, Robert Hepworth
<b>Apologies:</b>	Glyndwr Davies
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Ann Griffith (NRW)

## Introduction

Minutes from 23/03/16 meeting were agreed by all.

DW introduced as NRW Operations Manager for North West Wales.

## ADA News

IT gave an update:

- ADA have a new member of staff, Aimee Scanlon, as Communication and PR officer. Heather is on maternity leave and will be back early 2017.
- Work continuing on rebuilding ADA website which will be going live next month. The new website will be able to be used on phones, tablets etc.
- ADA working closely with DEFRA regarding increasing the number of drainage boards in England – information to be shared with ADA Cymru.
- Business rates retention by 2020. Local Authorities will be in charge of their rates.
- ADA Business Plan 2020. What do members want ADA to provide?
- ADA will be working with a wider range of bodies e.g. IDD's, Local Authorities, National Agencies, NRW, EA, Northern Ireland Agency and SEPA.
- Increasing ADA involvement with Local Authorities. Will be talking at a National level.
- EA are considering de-maining some low and medium risk main rivers, both within IDD's and outside IDD boundaries.
- Flood Risk management, Water Level Management and Land Drainage should all be considered as a way of managing water as a resource.

## Welsh Government Consultation; Establishment of a Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee

- Closing date for comments is 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016. ADA Cymru to comment.
- ADA Cymru should be represented on the committee.
- Consideration should be given to two Committees, separating North and South Wales. This comment should be put in as part of the response from ADA Wales.
- It was agreed that the new Committee should meet 4/5 times a year.
- Committee should be a method to report back to the Minister on IDD's. ADA Cymru minutes to be sent to Minister for information and occasional meetings to be held with the Minister.
- Committee Minutes to be publicly available, transparent and easy to read.
- The Committee to be chaired by a person from Wales.
- ADA Cymru representative on the committee to be dedicated to providing feedback and act as a two way communication link.
- ADA Cymru to circulate comments from the committee to all 14 IDD's.

## IDD Performance

- Caldicot and Wentlooge, Lower Wye and Powysland IDD's functioning well with NRW as their board.
- Local Authority members not always present at Advisory Group meetings. All Groups to ask that deputies should be sent if possible.
- ADA Cymru to advise of their role with IDD Advisory Groups and explain what type of work they can undertake with the groups
- Advisory Groups are working but still require further development.
- Royal Welsh Show 2017 – NRW to provide a part of their display for IDD's showing examples of improved watercourses/photos of improvements.

## IDD Finances

- Welsh Audit Office requested that the precept values are reviewed.
- Foreign Water Grant and Precept are very similar.
- Precept value to be captured.
- Need to reflect on how IDD water management has an effect on utility company assets.
- ADA Cymru to have a budget generated from all 14 IDD's.
- JW to share de-weed contract/rates with ADA Cymru members.

## IDD Boundary Review

- Boundary Review ongoing – there will be a formal public consultation early 2017.

## AOB

- JM nominated to continue to 2020 as ADA Cymru Branch Director for ADA Board.
- SC gave a brief on NRW's reorganisation structure.
- 0% increase in ADA membership fees for 2017.
- RD – Expenses enquiry to attend the meetings. JW to arrange.

## Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Builth Wells area, March 2017.