

**ASSOCIATION OF DRAINAGE AUTHORITIES
NORTHERN BRANCH**

BRANCH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 15th January, 2015 at the Masonic Hall, Howden.

- In Attendance:** **2105/01** John Dennis (Chairman) Eddy Allen (Hon. Secretary)
Ian Thornton, John Barton, Tim Webster, Stephen Edwards,
Phil Fisher, Jean Venables (ADA Chief Executive),
Innes Thomson (Environment Agency), J Maston,
Peter Turner (Cllr), C S Martinson, R E Ward, T Williams,
Caroline Fox, Charlie Bayram, R Towse, C R Patchett,
P A Jacklin, P Chantry, Tony Socket, B Huntington,
J Atkinson, Ian Benn, Kay West (Cllr), Bill Symons,
Andrew Morritt.
- Apologies:** **2015/02** Apologies for absence were received from J Hick, S Towse,
N Everard, J Staveley.
- ADA National
Jean Venables:** **2015/03** Jean thanked Members for their kind invitation. Jean
outlined the future change to ADA becoming incorporated,
the alteration to the Executive Committee and the
appointment of a new Board of Directors.
She emphasised the importance of Branches to embrace the
proposed change and continue to promote ADA on the
national stage.
There is a greater importance of partnership working as
budgets were continually being reduced. Maintenance is a
major factor in water level management. The Environment
Agency are having to meet the requirements of DEFRA and
IDB's can help support this through Public Sector
Co-operation agreements.

**New Northern
Branch President:**

2015/04

Lord Hotham informed Members at the Annual Conference 2014, that he was standing down. Members thanked him for all his support over the years.

Members agreed that the next President needed to be a high profile person.

The following names were put forward:

Lord Haskings - Chair of Northern Foods

Chair of LEP

Sir Ken Morrison - Morrisons

Charles Dent - Timothy Taylor Brewery

Andrew Percy MP

Ann MacKintosh - Chair of Rural Affairs Committee

Members voted on the proposals presented and Andrew

Percy MP was the Board's choice.

Members asked the Branch Chairman to contact Andrew to see if he is willing to take up the appointment.

**Branch
Constitution:**

2015/05

Members had received a copy of the Branch Constitution.

This was approved by ADA National and Branch were asked to endorse this.

The motion was Proposed by Andrew Morrith and Seconded by S Evans.

Members unanimously agreed.

ADA Subscriptions: 2015/06

Members were asked for their continued support for the Great Yorkshire Show and Drifffield Show. Currently each Board in the Northern Branch paid a £100.00 contribution towards support of the shows. The Branch was looking to increase the subscription to £150.00 and this would be discussed at the AGM

Innes Thomson **2015/07**
Environment Agency
Area Flood and
Coastal Risk Manager

Innes confirmed the Agency's 6 Year Capital Programme is in place, but pointed out that maintenance needed to be looked at in the same way.

Partnership working is crating better opportunities to achieve Local choices in delivering Flood and Coastal Flood Risk Management Works. The Public Sector Co-operation agreements are the way forward. The requirement for Data and evidence is a big factor IDB's are best placed to give informed views on what is happening locally. Cllr Bayram asked how is the ongoing works after the Tidal Surge. Innes confirmed that a lot of damage had been done and all works had been completed with two exceptions being Reedness and Hull, but these should be completed by Summer 2015. Innes asked Members to reply to the consultation of Statutory Consultees by 29th January, 2015

Ian Benn **2015/08**

Ian tanked Jean Venables for all the works she has done in promoting IDB's and reiterated that IDB's now have a future

Andrew Morritt **2015/09**

Andrew confirmed that discussions need to be had around The WFD and its impact on IDB's and asked Members to Get involved.

The Great Yorkshire Show and Driffield Show **2015/10**

The Board proposes to attend both the Great Yorkshire Show and Driffield Show. These are two great opportunities to engage direct with the public.

E W Allen
Hon. Secretary

J R Dennis.....
Chairman

