



Title of Meeting:	ADA Cymru meeting
Date of Meeting:	23 February 2018
Venue:	Pavillion Mid Wales, Spa Road, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5EY
Attendees:	Hubert Jones (<i>HJ</i>), Ian Moodie (<i>IM</i>) Leigh O'Connor (<i>LOC</i>), Steve Cresswell (<i>SC</i>), Tim England (<i>TE</i>), John Markwick (<i>JM</i>), Dylan Williams (<i>DW</i>), James West (<i>JW</i>), Ann Griffith (<i>AG</i>), Nigel Humphreys (<i>NH</i>),
Apologies:	Glyndwr Davies, Rowland Davies, Alan Wintle, Richard Willett
Secretariat:	James West

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Introduction

Minutes from meeting were distributed.

DW introduced as NRW Operations Manager for North West Wales.

ADA News

IM gave an update:

- Robert Caudwell is new ADA Chair, as Henry Cator stepped down.
- Policy – working on a H&S questionnaire for industry and drainage board governance.
- Working with Defra to create new guidelines following Water Act
- ADA is developing management options for sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) within IDD.
- Possibility of using council tax banding in place of 1988 valuations for use in special levy calculations. Local government association (LGA) is supportive. This change could be included in Agriculture Bill due after Brexit.
- ADA AGM will be on 16/10/18 and annual conference will be held 14/11/18.
- Potential for timber value of trees felled/fallen on riverbanks being used by an IDB to offset payment for their management is to be investigated.
- Collating digital copies of IDD boundaries to put on their website.

ADA Cymru Branch

- *JM* undertook the role of Director for ADA Cymru branch in June 2015, therefore his 3-year term will be completed this summer and a director will need to be elected again. Chairs of the IDD Advisory Groups can be proposed as Director of ADA Cymru branch, or they can propose another member of their advisory group for the

role. The director will represent ADA Cymru branch at national ADA meetings. Nominations will be needed before the next ADA Cymru meeting when the director can be elected. *JW* to share information regarding this.

IDD Performance

- Caldicot and Wentlooge, Lower Wye and Powysland IDD's continuing to function well with NRW as their board.
- Local Authority (LA) members not always present at Advisory Group meetings. All Groups to ask that deputies should be sent from LA if possible, include community council members to represent LA if needed.
- Advisory Groups are working but still require further development. In particular, need to emphasise required code of conduct at meetings; at next meetings, will share the 'arrangements' document again. *JW* to circulate document.

IDD Finances

- Precept values have been reviewed following Wales Audit Office request. Following review; majority of values have increased for 2018/19 in north area, values in mid and south unchanged.
- *JW* to share precept review methodology and increase details with *TE*.

NRW Management changes

- Move to operational boundaries will improve main river maintenance and incident response efficiency, particularly for Powysland IDD.
- Adoption of IDD Byelaws for the 11 IDD's in north area that were developed with Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) is continuing to be implemented.

IDD Boundary Review

- Following the public consultation, a Scheme to alter IDD boundaries was submitted to Welsh Government and made available for inspection. After considering any representations received, the Minister can make an Order to confirm the Scheme.
- *JW* to share Welsh IDD boundaries with *IM* for ADA website when changes have been made.

AOB

- *TE* to check next meeting date of Vyrnwy/Severn management group and advise *HJ*.
- Update of the Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee as replacement of the land drainage flood committee (LDFC) following the Welsh Government consultation? *JW* to check and advise.

Next meeting

The next meeting to be held in Llandrindod/Builth Wells area, September/October 2018.