



Title of Meeting:	ADA Cymru meeting
Date of Meeting:	19 October 2018
Venue:	Pavilion 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>), Dave Penny (<i>DP</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:	Ann Griffith (NRW)

Introduction

Minutes from meeting were distributed.

DW introduced as NRW Operations Manager for North West Wales.

ADA News

IM gave an update:

- Annual ADA Conference to be held on 14th November at ICE Building, London. Details on website.
- ADA Board meeting on 16th October 2018
Topics discussed:
 1. SuDS remains a key topic. LLFA coordinating groups being established April 2019, with non-statutory standards.
 2. H&S survey completed for drainage boards to identify differences – could adopt a policy.
 3. De-maining of rivers in IDD; transfer responsibility from EA to Drainage Boards in England, 4 pilot studies to demain between Jan – April 2019.
 4. Brexit Agricultural Bill. ADA responded to bill which will have an effect in Wales
 5. Writing a governance guide for drainage board members – received funding from DEFRA – text to be completed and approved by DEFRA. Different in Wales, but background will be of interest.
 6. General Data Protection regulations (GDPR). Need individual's consent to store email address on systems. *IM* to include form in next ADA Gazette, *JW* to circulate form at IDD meetings
 7. ADA subscriptions to go up by 2% next year.

8. 27th & 28th February 2019: FloodEx exhibition at Telford– Flood and Coast event, flood management conference – encourage papers to be forwarded for this event.
9. ADA to show boundary change in gazette when completed

IDD Operational Performance

- IDD Advisory Groups – need to get more people interested in attending Advisory Groups, including Local Authority reps.
- Could a newsletter be sent to IDD ratepayers? To include an update on work carried out and future work programmed.
- Maintenance work going very well this year – weed boat to be purchased in North
- Highway/Local Authority/NRW/Network Rail – responsibilities within IDD.
- NRW not carrying out routine tree work within IDD – landowner responsibility.
- Network Rail – difficult to clear ditches near network rail land – NRW have MoU with Network Rail to work together.

IDD Finances

- Maintenance budgets – sufficient in all IDD to allow adequate maintenance.
- Local Authorities to be more involved in IDD meetings to better understand how their Special Levy is used.

NRW Management changes

- Possible changes with re-organisation planned for completion next year.

IDD Boundary Review

- Following the public consultation, a Scheme to alter IDD boundaries was submitted to Welsh Government in February 2018 and made available for inspection. No representations received, the Minister can now make an Order to confirm the Scheme.

AOB

Next meeting

The next meeting to be held in 6 months – April/May 2019 - Llandrindod/Builth Wells area, or Newtown.