



ADA – Great Ouse Branch Executive Meeting

MLC Offices 30th October 2018

Present

Harry Raby (Chair)
Marc Heading (Vice Chair)
Jon Fenn
John Heading – Branch Representative on ADA Executive Committee
Paul Hirons
Bill Legge
Doug McMurdo
David Thomas (Branch Secretary)

In Attendance

Paul Burrows – EA
Innes Thomson – ADA

Apologies for absence

Jonathan Brown
Doug McMurdo
A A D Morbey
J Austen
Brian Long

1. Notes from previous meeting

The notes from the previous meeting were agreed.

- (a) Plan of district covered by the Great Ouse – a plan had been produced and this was agreed. Two versions – catchment with IDB/LLFAs. Innes question – info graphics – agreed. John Heading said it is important to represent industry. Agreed graphics – frame for different audiences.
- (b) What do we get from ADA – a question raised by IDBs – Innes to answer.
- (c) Model terms of reference – ADA website – privacy policy – make statement that branch adhere to ADA GDPR policy.
- (d) IDBs who are not members of ADA – Nordelph IDB – to work on them.
- (e) Paper to RFCC demonstrating value of ADA branch in the future.

2. Water Resources

Policing

Spain 5 year plan for water resources

Water Resources East – will take time to get off the ground.

Policing – Paul to take action away

Are AW members of ADA – yes.

Water Resources East – aim will be to create a network of water supply and management.

AW – Innes to suggest or member request from ADA branch.

Innes asked, does branch feel we are fully integrated in the GiA process, and strategy development. Answer – no, but perhaps progress is being made. Paul wishes to reinvigorate the collaborative working.

Workshop in the morning at Prickwillow. Paul to explore – aim to trial light touch version this year.

3. ADA Matters

- (a) Good Governance Guide – to be launched at ADA Conference. Workshops to follow. Iain Smith running sessions. Train the trainer workshop to be run. Aim for 20 minute sessions at Board meetings – then can deliver chapters eg Health and Safety. DEFRA funded and fully support.
- (b) Membership – 95% of IDBs are members. Looked at tweaking fees but too much effort.
- (c) Brian Long to be asked to represent RFCC at branch meeting, would need blessing of RFCC. Doug cannot represent LLFC but with champion LLFA interests.
- (d) Paul to look at where the ADA branch would best focus any message on concerns over abstraction policing and concerns.
- (e) David to write to Peter Simpson re representative to sit on ADA branch.
- (f) Paul/Doug/David to frame a paper for April RFCC.
- (g) Harvey Bradshaw meeting – need a robust protocol on table setting them out as partners. Branch fully support this.

4. EA Matters

- (a) Flood Awareness Campaign being started. This will be linked to high rainfall. Role for IDBs to get on board – Instagram.
- (b) Flood Risk in the Fens – developing a baseline which will represent a springboard to look forward.
- (c) Growth agenda. RFCC have asked wor catchment scale – upper Ouse solutions which could reduce flood risk downstream and facilitate development. Hooks in budget on Oxform/MK/Cambs Arc.
- (d) Major Cambridgeshire engagement is being worked upon.
- (e) East/West expressing.
- (f) Mental health issue is an increasing issue. Doug suggested Brunell have a stand at ADA.
- (g) New membership levels created.
- (h) Association of SuDS Authorities (ASA) being set up. This should attract District/Borough/LLFAs. Branch have a role in pointing out value of membership.
- (i) Reduction in numbers for Boards. DEFRA have agreed that if the Board resolve this process should be as easy as possible.

5. Any Other Business

- (a) GDPR – positive agreement required for receipt of gazette or emails. Add to IDB agendas?
- (b) Conference – 155 booked – 30+ guests – 20 students
- (c) Floodex – push for attendance – three themes (1) Irrigation (2) SuDS (3) FRM
- (d) Dick _____ formally record his retirement and thanks.

6. Items for next meeting

- (a) House builders / developers – interaction.
- (b) Graduate / apprenticeship opportunities – ADA sponsor a graduate? New graduates. Free of charge to Conference.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th May 2019 at Bedford.