



<b>Title of Meeting:</b>	<b>ADA Cymru meeting</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
<b>Venue:</b>	Pavilion Mid Wales, Spa Road, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5EY
<b>Attendees:</b>	Hubert Jones ( <b>HJ</b> ), Ian Moodie ( <b>IM</b> ), David Penny ( <b>DP</b> ), Alan Wintle ( <b>AW</b> ), Steve Cresswell ( <b>SC</b> ), John Markwick ( <b>JM</b> ), James West ( <b>JW</b> ), Ann Griffith ( <b>AG</b> ), Nigel Humphreys ( <b>NH</b> ),
<b>Apologies:</b>	Leigh O'Connor (LOC), Glyn Griffiths (GG)
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Ann Griffith (NRW)

## Introduction

Minutes from last meeting were distributed.

## ADA News

*IM* gave an update:

- Recent flooding events – cattle poaching/ruts may have contributed to breaches in banks, also lack of maintenance.
- National Strategy Consultation closes next week
- De-maining rivers – Decision notices to de-main watercourses in part of North Lincolnshire and East Kent were published by the Environment Agency on 7<sup>th</sup> June as part of the Rationalising the Main River Network project. These watercourses will no longer be treated as a main river, but will be treated as ordinary watercourse. This process will take place after the 6 week appeal period finishing on 19<sup>th</sup> July.
  - Query: When de-maining will income be transferred over to IDBs eg. EA to IDD – assets should be maintained fit for purpose prior to transfer. Precept, Foreign Water Contribution could be affected.
- Attendance of drainage meetings are low – need to consider how to improve attendance numbers, suggest looking into venue, dates etc. smaller sizes on board
- Brexit/Rivers Authorities and Land Drainage Bill – the Bill was introduced to the House of Commons in March 2018 by Defra The Bill makes legal provisions for establishing rivers authorities that would enable the Somerset Rivers Authority to become a precepting body, it also facilitates a new methodology to be used by IDBs

to periodically update annual value lists for rating land and property to contemporary values. The Bill has now progressed to the House of Lords.

- Major events – ADA 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference and AGM – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 with guest speakers Neil Parish MP, Stuart Roberts Vice President of the NFU and Julie Foley, Director of Flood Risk Strategy Environment Agency.

### **IDD Operational Performance**

- Work progressing well in all areas
- North – more work done last season
- IDD Advisory Groups
  - Powysland group well attended
  - Issues with Dam height
  - Lower Wye and all other Groups – poor Local Authority attendance
  - LA/Cllr attendance small – non-existent – LA have the authority to get local reps to attend

### **IDD Finances**

- Following a Financial Revenue Audit - Gov requested less monies be carried over each year - 2% maximum carry over of the budget.
- North Precepts are being reviewed – in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 3 for increase.

### **NRW Management changes**

- NRW in process of reviewing how we are restructured. The geographical area may change – subtle changes to teams may occur.

### **IDD Boundary Review**

- Project went to consultation – submitted to Welsh Government in April 2018 – awaiting decision.

### **AOB**

- Highways / Local Authority/NRW/Network Rail watercourse responsibility in IDD's
- Network Rail approach to small maintenance programmes.
- Great Western Railway/Network Rail keen to programme maintenance work on ditches when working on their assets nearby.
- Many unmanned crossings – telephone system in place for landowners with rights to cross – grandfather rights been handed down.
- WG brought up a National Strategy FCRM Consultation – coastal erosion work proposal to go ahead for next 10 years – open to ALL to respond.
- Dates of Consultation events:
  - Aberystwyth 12/7/19
  - Conwy
  - Cardiff 2/8/19

Severn – anything to slow the Severn down will improve the system for Shrewsbury.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting to be held in 6 months – January 2020 – Llandrindod Wells