

MINUTES
ADA MARCHES BRANCH AGM
HELD ON 22 NOVEMBER 2022
(AS PART OF THE EA/IDB ANNUAL LIAISON MEETING)
HELD at the PRIORY ROOMS, BIRMINGHAM & ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS

1	Attendees
	As per the attendees list attached.
2.	Welcome
	As chair, Elissa Swinglehurst attending online asked Betton Cambidge as Vice Chair to act as meeting chair. In Richard Jones' absence, Innes Thomson took over secretarial duties for the meeting.
3.	Apologies for Absence
	Richard Jones Andrew Bebb Clare Ryman
4.	Announcements
	Two adjustments to the Agenda were announced to include for the approval of the minutes of the last meeting and for the election/re-appointment of the Branch Director to ADA's Board.
5.	Minutes of Previous Meeting
	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Branch Members, proposed by Chares Pudge and seconded by Kate Mayne.
6.	Election of Branch Chair
	A proposal was made by Kate Mayne to put forward Betton Cambidge as Chair, seconded by Charles Pudge. Betton Cambidge agreed to stand and Elissa Swinglehurst offered to stand down in favour of Betton taking the role. Innes Thomson offered thanks on ADA's behalf for Elissa's input over the past couple of years, those thanks being echoed by other members of the Branch.
7.	Election of Vice-Chair
	A vacancy was created by Betton Cambidge taking the role of Chair and no proposals were put forward for the position of Vice-Chair. It was agreed that Branch members would reflect and aim to find a willing volunteer for proposal at next year's AGM. Betton was thanked for his time in the role.

8.	Appointment of Branch Secretary
	Richard Jones of Melverley and Rea IDB was reaffirmed in this role.
9.	Branch Director
	Up until this AGM, James Hereford has completed six years as Branch Director and indicated that he was happy to stay on for one further three year term, which he was eligible to do. Branch members unanimously agreed to support James staying on as ADA Branch Director, his term running until November 2025.
10.	ADA Update
	Innes Thomson referred to his update given earlier in the liaison meeting with copy of the presentation attached to these minutes.
11.	Discussion
	R Jones asked where the Severn Valley Water Management Scheme had got to. Ian Jones, EA, gave a response indicating their emphasis had moved to a whole catchment approach, incorporating natural flood management. An app was being developed to allow person in the catchment to share photos, videos and records of flood events, but was not yet live.
12.	Date and Venue of Next Branch AGM
	This was proposed around the same time of the year in 2023, again linked with the EA/IDB liaison meeting. Innes Thomson encouraged Branch members to convene a mid-year technical meeting around a subject of current interest.
13.	Any Other Business
	Kate Mayne raised the issue that IDBs collectively felt that they had not been properly included in the deliberations of the River Severn Partnership. Innes Thomson to draft a letter for Betton Cambidge to send to the co-chairs of the SRP (Clare Dinnis and Mark Barrows), and Shirel Stedman to follow up also as a Board Member of SRP. Letter to request better engagement and consultation with IDBs on SRP plans. Action: IT to draft letter for Betton Cambidge
14.	Meeting closed at 15.45