

**MINUTES**  
**ADA MARCHES BRANCH AGM**  
**HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2021**  
**AS PART OF THE EA/IDB ANNUAL LIAISON MEETING**  
**HELD REMOTELY BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

1. **Attendees**

As per the attendees list attached.

2. **Welcome**

Innes Thomson, ADA Chief Executive, welcomed everyone to the AGM.

3. **Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

4. **Announcements**

There were none.

5. **Election of Branch Chairman**

Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst (River Lugg IDB Chair) was reaffirmed in this role.

6. **Election of Vice-Chair**

Betton Cambidge of Molverley IDB was elected to this position. Proposed by E Swinglehurst and seconded by Kate Mayne.

7. **Appointment of Branch Secretary**

Richard Jones of Molverley and Rea IDBs was reaffirmed in this role.

8. **ADA Update**

Innes Thomson referred to his update given earlier in the liaison meeting.

9. **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.

10. **Date and Venue of Next Branch AGM**

This was proposed around the same time of the year in 2022, again linked with the EA/IDB liaison meeting. Elissa Swinglehurst indicated she was keen

for there to be more branch activity than simply the AGM. Innes Thomson said that ADA would strongly support the branch in developing their activities, possibly by way of field meeting. .

11. **Branch Director**

James Hereford was in post until October 2022. He had done six years and was eligible for one further three year term, if he wished. The branch would need to find a replacement or re-nominate him prior to the 2022 AGM.

12. **Any Other Business**

C Pudge of River Lugg IDB raised concerns over Local Planning Authorities still permitting large scale development within flood areas. Innes Thomson explained in some IDB areas any land built on could be at flood risk, but the issue was sustainability and supporting the EA's decisions on where not to develop in flood plain areas.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.