

Minutes of a Meeting of the ADA Trent Branch held on 13th February 2020 at Doncaster Knights Rugby Football Club.

Present: Andrew McGill, Will Staunton, John Coggon, Adrian Black, Martin Spoor, Peter Horne, Michael Brooke, Peter Cornish, Chris McGuinness, Robert Adam, Mark Wagstaff, Malcolm Harris, Ron Allcock, John Briggs, John Miller, Julie Love, Robin Price, Ian Moodie, Sofi Lloyd, Paul Lockhart, Louise Cresswell, Andrew Haigh, Becky Platts, Emily Mayle, Nathan Sutton, John Lelliott, Alison Beaumont and Graham Smith.

1. Welcome and Chairman's Announcements

John Lelliott, EA Board Member, was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman.

2. Apologies

Innes Thomson, Vij Randeniya, Sam Cross, Rod Chapman, Chris Crowe, Robert Brown.

3. Minutes of the 68th AGM held on 6th June 2019

Confirmed and approved.

4. Matters Arising

Chris McGuinness understood from a recent RFCC meeting that the EA was ringfencing grant-in-aid for use on their assets on the premise that monies could be raised locally by other flood risk managers. One third of levy from RFCC already went to EA every year and this was politically the wrong time to follow this route. The Chairman stated that ADA and Catherine Wright were looking into this matter. Paul Lockhart said EA Asset Replacement Final Proposal was bundled up into the SR19 Spending Review.

5. Subscriptions 2020/21

The Branch current and deposit accounts had a total balance of £2,300 and it should be noted Bassetlaw District Council no longer members of ADA and therefore no longer Trent Branch members. It was proposed and agreed that the annual subscriptions be held at £45 per member organisation.

6. 69th Annual General Meeting - 4th June 2020

Members were invited to submit items for the agenda to the secretary. As usual there would be no cost to attend but there would be a cost of around £40 per head to cover lunch. Details to be confirmed at a later date once the venue had been confirmed.

7. AOB

None

8. Environment Agency Update

Paul Lockhart gave an overview of surface water flooding that occurred during the autumn of 2019, highlighting that 95 properties had flooded in Fishlake and 310 in Worksop. He highlighted the excellent cohesion in response to the flooding with the IDB and EA Operations Teams and reported on the issues that had occurred at Keadby, West Stockwith and Scotter.

The Teams Leader for Partnership and Strategic Overview Teams, Emily Mayle, gave a detailed presentation covering the main areas of focus of Build Back Better, increased consultation with communities and flood risk managers, a developing FCERM Strategy,

particularly highlighting 'adaptive pathways' that enabled local places to better plan for the future. However, this was not just about property and financial cost, the true mental health impact on those who had experienced flooding was now being realised.

Malcom Harris pointed out that whilst some flooding of lowland areas was inevitable, the condition of the River Idle and its tributaries were in such poor state due to lack of maintenance, that flooding had increased considerably with many areas still under water. This also included the A631 and the A1 which flooded at West Drayton.

9. ADA Update

Ian Moodie as a result of the consequences of flooding and maintenance condition of systems, ADA was convening a summit and inviting senior colleagues from IDBs, EA, DEFRA to discuss the maintenance of lowland river channels and embankments. The meeting intended to cover the recent flooding events of 2019/20 and constructively examine future maintenance and management actions that could be taken to better manage the conveyance of water and embankment stability along our main rivers and lowland areas and, principally those covered by internal drainage districts. He also mentioned that a key date to note was that the National Strategy would be launched before summer recess.

10. Water Resources East

Robin Price, Managing Director, gave the attached presentation.

CHAIRMAN