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## Meeting Papers

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## 1.5 Minutes of the Meeting held 4 November 2016

Member	20.06.14	07.11.14	06.02.15	19.06.15	06.11.15	05.02.16	30.06.16	4.11.16
Catherine Anderson (DMBC)								✓
David Atkinson (Dun District)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Derek Bell (Barnsley DC)	✓	✓	A	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Andrew Cooke (Went District)	A	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓
John Duckitt (Dun District)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Martin Falkingham (Went District)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Terry Grady (Doncaster MBC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Charlie Hogarth (Doncaster MBC)	✓	A	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Gillian Ivey (Vice Chair) (Selby DC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mike Jordan (Selby DC)	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓
Steve Lomas (Dun District)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Andrew Parmenter (Selby DC)						✓	A	R
Paul Maddison (Wakefield MDC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
David Platt (Knottingley to Gowdall District)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Mel Holmes (Selby DC)								✓
Robert Robinson (Dun District)					Casual vacancy appointment	✓	x	A
Cllr Debbie White				A	✓	✓	A	A
Richard Ward (Doncaster MBC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Richard Thompson (Dun District)	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Neil Welburn (Went District)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
Frank Jackson (Doncaster MBC)	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chris Crowe (Coal Authority) Knottingley to Gowdall District		Appointed and present ✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓

**Officers attending:**

Ian Benn – CEO  
Craig Benson – FO  
Alison Briggs – EO  
Paul Jones - Eng.  
Martin Spoor – AMan.

**Public attendance – none**

**Governance**

**2016.84** CEO thanked former Chair Tony Sockett for work accomplished over last two years, he had been a very supportive Chairman and great asset to the Board.

**2016.85** Appointment of Chair – AC proposed G livey, seconded MF. No other nominations. GI agreed by all.

**2016.86** Appointment of Vice Chair – GI thanked members for support. Key issues greater efficiency enabled by hydraulic model and efficient ways of using Board's money. TS an excellent Chair and led Board through difficult times. Invited TS to sit at table for remainder of meeting. All in agreement. Welcomed new members CA and MH. CH nominated Frank Jackson as Vice Chair, MF nominated MJordan who declined. GI supported proposal for FJ. All in favour.

**2016.87** Appointment of Committee Members - volunteers so far Finance GI, AC, RW, CA, DB, DA, RT. Volunteers WLM TG, PM, NW, MF, SL, MJ requested one addition member for WLM as soon as possible.

**2016.88** Apologies received from DWhite, BRoughley and RRobinson, RThompson

**2016.89** Declaration of interest – Eng. Declared JBA consulting in relation to hydraulic model being producing for Board

**2016.90** Public forum – none requested

**2016.91** KPI's - noted

**2016.92** Minutes 30 June 2016 – MJ proposed sign as true record, FJ seconded, all in agreement, all in favour

**2016.93** Matters arising - MJ requested update on 2016.79. Noted to be discussed at end of meeting

**2016.94** Board logo – gone no further with Doncaster College, logo being produced by company setting up website

**2016.95** Complaints/FOI – nothing further to report

**2016.96** CEO Report – acknowledge information contained in report

**2016.97** Website – being populated and hope to be live for review within next two weeks

**2016.98** Defra – Demaining/asset transfer – CEO advised Defra implemented a timescale for looking at its Project strategies, quite different wording being used more recently. Proving implementation was problematic, EA now looking for “willing partners” suggesting if not there is no willing partner things will continue as at present. Must question what the incentive there is for asset transfer although acknowledged IDB is best party to undertake work at this level and supporting LLFA and EA. CEO Referred to EFRA Committee report to Government. ADA has issued a position statement response to the Report. MJ commented on FRCC meeting. PM noted challenge was monies available through FRCM is for capital money not revenue.

**2016.99** Humber Flood Risk Management Strategy – Humber estuary covers significant area and serious risks if EA and public funds did nothing to mitigate flood risk. The Strategy boundary is now now extended to cover this Board district. Boundary now covers the full extent of tidal influence on Don, Aire, Ouse and Trent rivers within the Humber Basin etc. Extension of district could potentially dilute available monies. Sustainable management of land to store water will be a large part of this strategy. Noted funds to assist with delivery may be available through local LEP. Greater Lincolnshire LEP placed £9,000,000 into IoA scheme. This area covered by 3 LEPs and they might be approached for WLM funding in the future. GI noted possibility of working with other IDBs affected by Strategy. CEO agreed noting this idea first promoted by EA in 2005. Suggested meeting with new Chair and Vice Chair on strategy to move Board forward and importance of joined up thinking through officers appointed to Board. RW agreed critical decisions in relation to Humber Strategy, IOA strategy, at some point needs to be a small group within the Board to concentrate on these high-level strategies.

DB – advised RFCC’s, Local Levy, LEPs have monies available for flood alleviation, defence and mitigation works Danvm DC can tap into but one of caveats is MTP rolling 6-year plan and both Committees need to consider future requirements of the Board therefore what funding opportunities will be available.

**2016.100** ADA Committees – noted. Chair of EFRA speaking at ADA conference.

**2016.101** Management Services – RW advised may have to ask JBA representatives to leave whilst an update was provided for Members. Agreed this would be at the end of the meeting

### Engineers Report

**2016.102** MJ advised draft Minutes only of last week’s meeting. Draft recommendations in particular, the Local Levy application

**2016.103** Eng. noted success of local levy application to support modelling for Board. Since last Board meeting several options had been put to EA regarding optioneering. EA keen, following last meeting for Board to put bid into local levy as it saw value of the work. Obtained 100% funding of £136,500 for all additional optioneering to the model and Board approval was required for the existing supplier to undertake the optioneering. GI offered congratulations to Eng. MJ thanked Board for supporting hydraulic modelling initially when Coal Authority funding was not in place.

**2016.104** MJ recommended Board approve existing supplier to undertake the optioneering. RW noted works additional to existing contract and given value of works wondered if could be extension of original contract to allow for this, exceeds threshold for EU procurement otherwise. Eng. confirmed Board should seek independent procurement advice to confirm noting the original contract went through open process and original tender included optioneering. EA funding for this is a variation of that first project. RW requested information to be forwarded. DB positive about wording as an extension of original contract. Any existing supplier provides for work to be done in an efficient manner. **MJ proposed subject to ratification on procurement issue, existing contractor to undertake optioneering work, DB seconded, all in favour.**

**2016.105** MJ met with Marcus Jones MP of DCLG discussing costs for consenting.

**2016.106** JD queried oversight Fieldhouse Pump Drainage scheme. Eng. Confirmed one element was being undertaken by owner/occupiers and secondly the Board was working in partnership with CA to progress pump station.

### Finance Report

**2016.107** Rating now £24,000 special levy second instalment due any day and most of landowner monies now received. Now hit KPI target.

**2016.108** Additional information in papers regarding night time pumping equates to £5,000 saving plus saving moving to Woldmarsh approximate saving £30,000.

**2016.109** MJ advised meeting with Marcus Jones MP regarding how IDBs finance. Meetings between district council leaders and Marcus Jones 2 weeks ago. Issue remains if this Board increases its rates with other bodies it could trigger referendum.

**2016.110** ACooke – Finance Committee recommendations.

- **AC Proposed Board officers remind members where resolution is required, all in agreement**
- **AC proposed Board continues 100% funds work to complete hydraulic model and not rely on any contributions from Coal Authority, seconded GI, all in agreement**
- **NW proposed Board VAT registered in anticipation of undertaking PSCA work in excess of VAT threshold, seconded MJ all in favour**
- **AC Board considers on an individual basis borrowing monies from itself to save money, NW seconded, all in favour**

**2016.111** CC declared interest and left meeting.

**2016.112** Members considered the Coal Authority request to lead on mining remediation pump station project. Discussed the current process for repayment between Board and Coal Authority. CH queries situation if CA does not pay and Board stands contractor invoice. FO agreement between Board and CA will cover this. MF noted landowner concerns first stage of Fishlake is failing already. FO advised the Coal Authority responsibility to address, not the Board. RW CA confirmed will

indemnify Board. FO envisages legal agreement being entered, not merely reliance on email correspondence. RW – reason why invoice can't be sent directly to CA. FO contract with the Board, not the CA. Eng. Supports legal basis of relationship between Board and Coal Authority under Mining Subsidence Act 1991 and damage notice served. MJ queried approval of contractors. FO confirmed Board approved contractors to be used. SL Fishlake Scheme and commuted sum. FO no commuted sum offered, Board not accepted any responsibility for maintenance to date.

- **AC proposed Board considers compliance with Coal Authority request to lead on mining remediation Pump Station project, DB seconded, all in agreement.**
- **AC proposed Board does not enter a new commuted sum agreement for pumping stations, GI seconded, all in favour.**

**2016.113** CC noted commuted sums passed from UK Coal were insufficient for operation but CA had to accept that. CEO suggested caveat for commuted sums with a timed limitation or until monies spent rather than in perpetuity. AC noted can reconsider later. JD noted increased pressure on Blackshaw Clough from subsidence mitigation works. Eng. CA funded two schemes, both discharge into Clay Dike to Blackshaw Clough but restrictor on discharge into Clay Dike. May be difference in volume but still same catchment. Will stop pumping during flood situation into Clay Dike through restrictor.

**2016.114** AC draw attention to budget estimate and capitol spend on PS, but looking at managing assets cost effectively through Asset Management Plan.

#### **Environment**

**2016.115** Eels – noted and agreed importance of model to identify what work will be required to ensure Eel Regulation compliance for the Bramwith Rands culvert.

**2016.116** Noted specific savings through work to this Board District through removing stations from regulation compliance

**2016.117** Shirley Pool – noted. EO advised recent meeting where it was identified in agreement with Natural England how works could be implemented at lesser cost than quotations received. The meeting went well and it was hoped works could be completed this winter and future monitoring reported to the Steering Group.

#### **Representation**

**2016.118** noted

#### **Date of next meeting**

**2016.119** in papers

#### **Board workforce - closed session**

**2016.120** GI proposed closed session but requested former Chair TS remained having information relevant, all in agreement. GI advised the serious of this issue.

- 2016.121** AOB – Elected member vacancies - One for Dearne & Dove district, one for Went district and one Selby DC nominated member. Important to ensure membership retained majority special levy.
- 2016.122** FO advised Board approval required to remove TS and add FJ to Bank Mandate. All in agreement. GI requested FJ and herself both go through invoices together to start with.
- 2016.123** Management Services update– Management left the meeting. RW updated Board Members on the tender process and some changes of dates.
- 2016.124** Chairman closed the meeting at 12.30pm