

1. Governance

1.1 Declaration of Interest

Board Members are advised to declare a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest on any item in the Agenda.

1.2 Apologies for Absence

1.3 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2024

Member	11.1. 2023	24.5. 2023	1.11. 2023	10.01. 2024	22.05. 2024	6.11. 2024
Mr R Borrill – Chair	A	√	√	√		
Mr A Godfrey AG – Vice Chair	√	√	√	A		
Mr J Akrill JA	√	A	√	√		
Mr J Anyan JAn	√	A	A	√		
Mr J Barton JB	√	A	√	√		
Mr K Bates KB	-	-	-	-		
Mr S Buckley SBk	-	A	-	-		
Mr S Bunney SB			New √	√		
Mr C Day CD	A	√	A	A		
Mr R Douglas RD	A	√	√	-		
Mr I Dowson ID	A	A	√	A		
Mr J Evison JE	-	-	-	-		
Mr T Foster TF					New	
Mr D Garritt DG					New	
Mr R Herring RH	√	√	√	√		
Mr R Holloway Rho	√	-	√	√		
Mr B Jackson BJ			New √	√		
Mr J Jackson	-	A Resigned				
Mrs J Jackson JJ	A	√	√	A		
Mr J James JJa	A	√	A	A		
Mr P Jones PJ	A	√	A - Resigned			
Mrs H Rowson HR	A	√	A	√		
Mr C Sherwood CS	√	√	A	√		
Mr N Sherwood NS	A	√	-	A		
Mr M Storey MS	A	√	√	√		
Mr W Strawson WS	√	√	√	√		
Mr J Summers JS	√ Resigned					
Mr T Sutton-Nelthorpe TSN	-	√	A	√		
Mr H Williams HW	√	√	A	√		



In attendance on behalf of JBA Consulting

Officer:	Mr C Benson	Clerk
	Mr P Jones	Engineer
	Mr D Blake	Finance Officer

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and advised that the meeting would be recorded to assist with the minute taking as Janette was not in attendance today. Members were in favour of the meeting being recorded.

Declaration of Interest

2024.1 None.

Apologies for Absence

2024.2 Apologies were received from Mr A Godfrey, Mr C Day, Mr I Dowson, Mrs J Jackson, Mr J James and Mr N Sherwood.

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2024.3 Chairman raised an issue of members who not given their apologies for non attendance at meetings. He suggested that contact is made with those members to see if they are receiving the meeting papers and if they still wish to be a member of the Board. Members agreed this course of action and Clerk instructed to arrange.

Matters arising not discussed elsewhere on Agenda

2024.4 2023.47 Storm Babet - Chairman queried the mechanism of reducing levels in River Ancholme. It was noted that the river was full during the storm event and it would have been beneficial if it was reduced earlier. Eng. confirmed levels would be dropped next week to 0.6 to allow annual inspections of outfalls. However, a request was made by the Eng last week to drop the Ancholme due to seepage in Scawby Beck, that would impact on the Power Station if a breach occurred. MS confirmed that the level was dropped to 0.6. Eng. would continue to work with the Environment Agency to try and establish a criteria to reduce the River levels.

2024.5 2023.55 Hydraulic Modelling - Chairman requested that the access details of the Smart PDFs be sent out to members so they could review them. Eng. confirmed that he would arrange.

2024.6 With the addition of NS apologies the minutes were proposed as a true record by JB, seconded by HW and approved by the Board.

Complaints/FOP/EIR Requests

2024.7 None.

CLERK REPORT

Clerk advised the report was for information with the following added.

2024.8 Policy – IDB policies that were due a review was ongoing. Any proposed changes would be brought to the Board for approval at the May meeting.

2024.9 Legislation - Environment Bill - the paperwork for going out to public consultation on the IDB Ratings Statutory Instrument (SI) was with the Minister for his approval. When enabled, IDBs would then have a mechanism in place to extend their boundaries to the full hydraulic catchment and be able to levy a drainage rate on this extended area.

2024.10 Environment Agency – Clerk confirmed that the next partnership meeting with the Area Flood and Coastal Risk Manager would take place this week. High on the Agenda would be the recovery of the monies expended by the Board as a direct result of Storm Babet and Storm Henk. It was noted that the father of MP Robbie Moore used to be a member of AIDB and members viewed this as an opportunity to meet with the MP to discuss AIDB and general IDB issues. The Ancholme Catchment Partnership draft strategy would be published for public consultation sometime in March 2024.



2024.11 ADA – Clerk informed Members of the impact of the changes to the standing charges now levied against the available capacity at premises. The increase to the Board over the last four years was astronomical. The FO would be covering this item in his report.

FINANCE REPORT

2024.12 Rating Report – FO advised the outstanding balance was now £37,937, having received 91% of drainage rates. Of this balance £35,755 relates to standing order.

2024.13 Rate Removal – FO informed members that £19.28 of drainage rates was required to be written off due to a transfer of developed land to Special Levy. RH proposed that this amount was removed, seconded by TN and approved by the Board.

2024.14 Internal Audit – Minutes of the recent Internal Audit Review meeting were noted by Members.

2024.15 Risk Register – FO highlighted the changes that had been made to the Register and members were asked to approve the document. HW proposed that the Board accept the Register, this was seconded by CS and approved by the Board.

2024.16 Pump Station – Electricity Standing Charges – FO highlighted the changes and dramatic increase in the pumping station electricity standing charges to some of the Board's stations. The standing charge relates to the capacity required at the Board stations. BJ requested that the Board look to review our existing electricity contract as there might be savings to be had by switching provider. Members agreed that the Board should review the options.

2024.17 Storm Babet, Breaches and Emergency Pumping Costs, Storm Babet - FO informed members that as a result of Storm Babet the Board had incurred an additional £47k dealing with the flood event. The impact of Storm Henk as resulted in a further £38k of expenditure being spent. Currently there is no mechanism for the Board to recover these costs and the Board's reserves have been used. Following the 2019 Flood event the Board were able to claim similar costs through the Highland Water claim and this will be an avenue Officers will use to recover the costs.

2024.18 Breach updates/Funding – The Eng. informed members that all breaches in the district had been reported to the EA and they have collated them for potential funding. However the breaches in the Board's district are consider a low risk in comparison to those further south in the County and there is currently no timescale as to when they will be repaired. The Eng. has arranged for a contractor to visit the breaches to provide a quotation for their repair and these costs would be passed on to the EA for consideration. Due to the fact that the Board continue to incur additional pumping costs as a result of these breaches, it is hoped that the EA may instruct the Board to repair the breaches under a PSCA and fund the works. CS asked what the likelihood of recovering the costs incurred during the floods. Clerk advised that there was no guarantee that the Board would receive any income but all avenues will be pursued. It was anticipated that any funding would be received in the next financial year. RH informed members that he has records going back 150 years with regard to rainfall events in the Board's catchment. Last year was one of the top four years for rainfall. Whilst it was hoped these events would not be repeated for some time, these records show that a wet year was followed by a wet year and a very wet year was followed by a very wet year. MS stated in was evident that the cost of flooding was borne by the victim and it was now that the process had to change where all the population had to contribute towards flood protection. The Govt has to instigate these changes.

2024.19 Budget Comparison for the Year Ending 31 March 2024 – FO reviewed the Dashboard and the impact the Storm events had at the stations. Expenditure was 108% which equated to the £75k additional costs. The worrying figure was the year end reserve level which was forecast to be circa 18%. The Board's reserve policy target is 30%. The FO advised that the Members have to make a decision as to the level of drainage rate for the next financial year.

2024.20 Rates & Special Levies for the year ending 31 March 2025 – FO took members through the budget for next year, reviewed the options available to the Board and the impact each had on the reserve levels. Members discussed the impact and considered the risks to the Board if the rate was not increased. RH proposed a 1p increase, BJ than suggested that the Board should delay in setting the rate until recovery of the money was confirmed or not. CS proposed that the rate of 14.5p, no increase. The proposals were read back to members and CS queried if the Board could delay making a decision. Clerk confirmed the Board had to set the rate by the 15 February. BJ than withdrew his proposal and supported a 14.5p rate. RH stated that, considering the detailed financial information we



have just viewed along with the impact of another event like this next year and the Board had not increased our rate, the reserve levels would be gone. As a public authority, it could be viewed that the action taken not to increase the rate was irresponsible if the costs are not recovered. However, if the rate was increased and the monies received, then the reserve levels would be increased and this may negate the need for an increase over the next year. Further discussions followed and it was noted that the Board had similar discussions last year concerning the rate increase and the impact this would have on all the ratepayers. RH agreed but stated that none of us knew what was coming and it would be very dangerous not to do anything at all. MS stated that costs do increase and we are trying to reinstate our reserves to an acceptable level, therefore some rise is inevitable. HW commented that the Board was in a similar dilemma last year and increased the rate by 2p. We are now proposing to increase the rate by 1p to get back to our reserve levels, if the rate wasn't increased last year the Board would have no reserves now.

The Chairman reviewed the proposals, first RH Proposed to increase the rate by 1p and this was seconded by HW. The second proposal, proposed by CS was to keep the rate at 14.5p, and this was seconded by BJ. Members took a vote on the seconded proposal which received three votes in support. Members then voted on the first proposal to increase the rate by 1p, this received 10 votes.

Agreed the rate to be increased by 1p to 15.5p

2024.21 Schedule of Payments – approval proposed by BJ and seconded by MS.

ENGINEER REPORT

Eng confirmed the report was for information with the following added.

2024.22 Enforcement –A Notice of Contravention was issued to a developer who was dewatering and allowing surface water run-off from their site into the Board's system. Following receipt of the Notice the developer returned to site and remedied the situation to the satisfaction of the Eng. He added that there was no impact to the Board's assets in the area.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLBEING

2024.23 Information in the report was noted.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISER REPORT

2024.24 Information in the report was noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

2024.25 22nd May 2024, 6th November 2024.