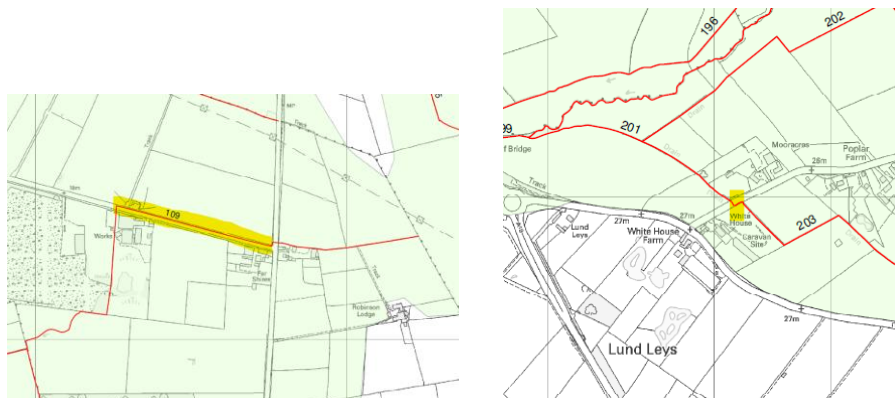


MINUTES OF THE KYLE & UPPER OUSE IDB MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2026
AT THE GALTRES CENTRE, EASINGWOLD

- 17 **Present** Mr R Shedden (Chair), Mr A Boddy, Mr I Galtrey, Mr R Pennock,
Mr G Robinson, Cllr A Hook, Cllr Mrs P Mullen, Mr M Henderson,
Cllr Mr N Knapton, Mr J Corden
- In attendance - Mr N Everard (Clerk of the Board)
Mr A Branston (Consulting Engineer)
- 18 **Apologies** Mr A Bielby, Mr R Spilman, Mr P Jones
- 19 **Declaration of Interest** None.
- 20 **Minutes** The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2025 were approved and signed and there were no matters arising.
- 21 **Consulting Engineers Report** **Ordinary Watercourse Maintenance**
- A pre-start maintenance meeting will be planned before mid-July as routine before the 2026/27 maintenance season begins and a Health & Safety Review is also to be organised through the Boards' Advisor.

North Yorkshire Council have verbally accepted responsibility for a problematic piped section of Watercourse 109, that runs along Forest Lane, Alne from A19 West towards the land fill/brickworks. As well as works to a section of Watercourse 203, at North Moor Road, Easingwold where gabion baskets have been constructed but a further section may be required. We are awaiting confirmation of future works for these from NYC, currently, the person dealing with these is on annual leave.



Planning Applications

Planning applications have been reviewed on a weekly basis and 5 have received comment between 19th December 2025 and 26th January 2026 on behalf of the Board, as shown at the end of this report.

Applications may not result in a need for consent, but should an applicant wish to discharge to a watercourse or work within 7 metres of a watercourse they are informed of the consent requirements.

Land Drainage Act 1991 Section 23 and 66 Consents

No consents have been provided on behalf of the Board between 19th December 2025 and 26th January 2026. 1 no. Consent application was received 13th January 2026.

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| 22 | <u>DEFRA Funding Review</u> | The Clerk reported on the selection of the Board for a visit by consultants acting on behalf of DEFRA which was scheduled for the 23 rd February 2026. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | <u>Bio Diversity Action Plan</u> | <p>The Clerk reported on a quotation received from JBA Consulting Environment Officer for the preparation of a Bio Diversity Action Plan for 2025 to 2030.</p> <p>Under the Environment Act 2021 Section 102 strengthened by Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rule Communities Act 2006, local authorities must provide a 5 yearly Bio Diversity Report detailing actions taken to comply with the duty. The last plan undertaken by the Board was in February 2012. The Clerk confirmed that the quotation of £4,937 was included within the budget and subject to approval of the budget the Clerk was instructed to confirm the instruction.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | <u>Health & Safety</u> | The Consulting Engineer is to arrange a pre start meeting for maintenance for the forthcoming season and a visit by the Health & Safety Advisor to review existing policy, risk assessments, method statements and training etc. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | <u>Appointed Members</u> | The Clerk thanked Mr Henderson for raising the matter with Democratic Services at City of York Council. The appointment of Mrs P Mullen was to be taken to the Council at their March meeting. The request for support to appoint the Alne Parish Councillor will also be submitted. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | <u>ADA Update</u> | The Clerk had circulated a copy of the ADA's activities report for 2026. Members not wishing for their contact details to be shared with ADA should advise the Clerk. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | <u>Direct Labour</u> | The Finance Committee had considered the recommendation made by ADA in accordance with the White Book and recommended an increase of 5%.with effect from 1 st April 2026. The Board approved the recommendation. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | <u>Audit</u> | Following the query raised by external auditors, the Board reviewed and confirmed the reappointment and independence of Northern Internal Audit Services, Janet Bennett, as internal auditor of the Board. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | <u>Annual Values</u> | <p>The Annual Values of the Board as at 31st December 2025 were formally minuted as:-</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Agricultural Land & Buildings</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,070,038</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City of York Council</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,540,348</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North Yorkshire Council</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£ 333,680</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£3,944,066</u></td> </tr> </table> | Agricultural Land & Buildings | - | £1,070,038 | City of York Council | - | £2,540,348 | North Yorkshire Council | - | <u>£ 333,680</u> | | | <u>£3,944,066</u> |
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| 30 | <u>Rating 2026/27</u> | The Board considered the previous year's budget together with | | | | | | | | | | | | |

estimated forecast expenditure to 31st March 2026 and the budget for the forthcoming year. The Board resolved the drainage rate being the sum of 6.747p in the Pound in respect of Agricultural Land & Buildings in the District.

It was resolved that Special Levies be made on billing authorities for the year ending 31st March 2027 as follows: -

City of York Council	£171,397
North Yorkshire Council	£ 22,513

The Board approved that the Common Seal would be affixed thereto.

31 **Clerk's
Remuneration**

The Board approved the Clerk's remuneration for the year to 31st March 2027 as incorporated in the budget of £26,775.

32 **Reserves**

The Board confirmed the existing reserves policies as follows:-

New Works and Plant – Capital Reserve – to provide for replacement of plant together with specified new works.

Revenue Reserve – to maintain the balance of nine months of the net annual revenue expenditure.

33 **Accounts
For Payment**

Accounts for Payment Schedule numbers 1, 2, and 3 were approved in the sums of £37,716.82, £30,982.77 and £25,818.63 respectively.

34 **Next Meeting**

The Clerk reported that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 22nd June 2026 at 2.00pm at the Galtres Centre, Easingwold.

Mr R C Shedden.... **Chairman**

22nd June 2026.....**Date**