**MINUTES**

**ADA MARCHES BRANCH AGM**

**HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2024**

**(AS PART OF THE EA/IDB ANNUAL LIAISON MEETING )AT WORCESTER CRICKET CLUB**

**AND ONLINE**

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|  | **Attendees** |
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|  | As per the attendees list attached. |
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|  | **Welcome** |
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|  | The Chair Betton Cambidge welcomed those attending in person and also those online.  |
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|  | **Apologies for Absence** |
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|  | Andrew Bebb, James Dale, Rea IDB, Kate Mayne, Strine IDB. |
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|  | **Chairman’s Report** |
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|  | Betton Cambidge gave a report on the very successful branch meeting held on 23 October, hosted by the River Lugg IDB at Hereford Racecourse. |
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|  | **Minutes of Previous Meeting** |
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|  | The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 November 2023 were approved by the Board members. |
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|  | **Election of Branch Chair** |
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|  | Betton Cambidge of Melverley IDB had been elected in November 2022 for a three year term. He was reaffirmed as Chair.  |
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|  | **Election of Vice Chair** |
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|  | There were no nominations, but the Chair would seek to find an interested person, as it could be helpful if he were unable to attend future meetings. |
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|  | **Appointment of Branch Secretary** |
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|  | Richard Jones of Melverley and Rea IDBS was reaffirmed in this role. |
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|  | **Appointment of Branch Director to ADA** |
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|  | Charles Pudge of the River Lugg IDB had been appointed as Branch Director following on from the 2023 AGM.  |
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|  | **ADA National Report** |
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|  | Innis Thompson gave an update on matters of current interest at ADA nationally. Amongst the items he referred to were: |
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|  | 1. Annual subs were increased by approximately 6.5% for 2025.
2. The successful ADA conference had recently been held in London. The floods minister Emma Hardy MP had attended to give the key note address, but had not been able to stay longer.
3. ADA were working with Natural Resources Wales for better liaison with ADA Wales. He reported that there may be changes in administration of land drainage within Wales, possibly with some decentralisation occurring. ADA Wales currently have little linkage with ADA Marches branch and they were seeking to improve this. He commented that under the Severn Valley Water Management Scheme cross border policies were vital for success of natural flood management within the Severn catchment.
4. ADA are now part of the government’s new flood resilience task force.
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|  | **Date and Venue of Next Meeting** |
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|  | It was agreed that this should be held again as part of the EA/IDB meeting in November 2025 at a venue to be agreed. The date is to be agreed upon shortly so that it gets into the ADA diary. |
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|  | **Any Other Business** |
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|  | Lower Severn IDB kindly offered to host an ADA Marches branch meeting in the summer of 2025. This will probably be in early June, linked with a tour of matters of interest for their own board members. |
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