

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held on  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 at the Village Club, Escrick, York.

PRESENT

Mr R E Britton  
Mr J Hopwood  
Mr A Dear  
Mr K W Terry  
Mr J R Bramley  
Mr J Daniel  
Mr B Smith  
Mr R D Percy  
Mr I Ellwood

Mrs K McSherry  
Cllr J Deans  
Cllr J Cattanaich  
Cllr R W Bramley  
Cllr J Brooks  
Mr S Wragg  
Mr A Vevers

The Clerk – Mr W Symons  
Engineering Assistant – Mr N Culpan

APOLOGIES FOR  
ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr W A Jacques,  
Cllr B Marshall and Cllr K Ellis.

DECLARATION OF  
INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest related to the items  
listed on the Agenda.

The Clerk further informed Members that the Register of  
Members Interests was available at the meeting for inspection and  
update as required.

MINUTES OF  
MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr J Cattanaich, seconded by Mrs K  
McSherry and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that the Minutes of  
the Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016, a copy of which had  
been sent to all Members, be taken as read and approved and that  
they be forthwith signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes that were  
not covered in the main agenda.

FINANCE SUB-  
COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

The Chairman presented the Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Sub-Committee held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017, a copy of which  
had been sent to all Members.

The Chairman ran through the items included in the Minutes  
of the Meeting and asked if any items required clarification.

Mr J Hopwood proposed acceptance of the Minutes together with the acceptance of the recommendations contained within them. Cllr J Cattanach seconded the proposal and Members UNANIMOUSLY VOTED in favour.

## MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

The Clerk thanked the Sub Committee for making its recommendations on such a large number of items.

## LAYING OF THE RATE & SPECIAL LEVIES

Members gave consideration to the budget and estimate for the Board's income and expenditure for financial year 2017/18 and the recommendation made by the Finance Sub-Committee. The Board APPROVED the recommendations contained in the Sub-Committee Minutes of the Meeting held on 31<sup>th</sup> January 2017, proposed by Mr J Hopwood and seconded by Cllr J Cattanach, which set a drainage rate for the sum of 4.38p in the £.

The Board UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the proportion of their expenditure be raised by drainage rates in respect of agricultural land and buildings by Special Levies on local billing Authorities are 17.18% and 82.82% respectively.

THAT the Drainage Board do hereby make a Drainage Rate for the purposes chargeable thereon assessed on the Annual Value of agricultural land and buildings subject to the provisions of the Land Drainage Act 1991 as hereunder set out that is to say:

AN OCCUPIERS' rate assessed at 4.38p in the £ for the period ending on the 31st day of March 2018.

THAT the Drainage Board do hereby make a Special Levy assessed as hereunder, that is to say:

A Special Levy chargeable to **SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL** in the sum of £261,875.57 for the period ending on the 31st day of March 2018.

AND a Special Levy chargeable to **CITY OF YORK COUNCIL** in the sum of £138,134.33 for the period ending on the 31st day of March 2018.

AND that the Special Levies shall be payable in two equal instalments on the 1st May 2017 and 1st November 2017.

THAT the purposes for which the said Rate AND Special Levies are made and the amount in the £. for each of the purposes are as hereunder set out.

AND that the said Rate shall be payable on Demand.

AND that the seal of the Board be affixed on the said Rate and Special Levies accordingly.

AND that the Clerk be and is hereby authorised to take all necessary steps to demand and collect the said Rate.

**PURPOSES** under the Drainage Act 1991 for which the Rate mentioned is made.

**AMOUNT** of the Land Rate in the £. for the Occupiers' Rate.

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| a) | Expenses of Administration )<br>under this Act. )            |       |
| b) | Works of maintenance under )<br>the said Act. )              | 4.38p |
| c) | Improvement of existing )<br>works under the said Act. )     |       |
| d) | New works under the said Act. )                              |       |
| e) | Precept of the Environment )<br>Agency under the said Act. ) | 4.38p |

## STAFF

### Work Based Pensions

The Clerk confirmed that the first letters had been sent to the workforce to confirm the Boards position with Work Based Pensions and informing of the Boards Work Based Pension Staging Date.

## MAINTENANCE WORKS

The Engineering Assistant had circulated a report to Members at the meeting along with maps of the Boards maintenance works for reference at the meeting.

The Engineering Assistant noted some maintenance works had been required on Germany Beck and were currently on-going to address water being held up.

## PUMPING STATIONS

The Clerk reported that the Pulsar telemetry and pump control systems are now installed on five UK Coal/Coal Authority Pumping Stations. One station, Halfpenny, is not working because of the 3G network signal. It is hoped the signal will be improved in the future which will enable the system to transmit. It remains Riccall Dam and Score Bridge have not been installed but they are likely to be refurbished in the near future and equipment could be included as part of this work in the future.

### Riccall Ings Pumping Station Discharge Pipes

The Engineering Assistant noted the repairs carried out on Riccall Ings Pumping Station. This was the work on the discharge pipes from the pumping station which had been leaking and eroding the bank. When investigated the pipes were found to have poor/broken collar connections. It was noted that a similar problem may exist on some of the other pipe connections which will be investigated in the future.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

The Clerk advised that there have been no reportable incidents to the Health and Safety Executive (RIDDOR) since the date of the last meeting.

The Engineering Assistant informed that the Board was in the process of reviewing its Health and Safety Policy with assistance from the Boards Safety Advisor, Mr R Shepherd. This along with reviewing Health and Safety matters with the Boards Workforce including the risk assessment process.

The Clerk noted the new Board logoed work wear was being utilised giving the Board a good identity and smart unified appearance.

## PLANS

The Clerk referred to the list of Planning Applications commented upon since the last Meeting of the Board, which had been circulated to all Members with the Agenda.

**(SEE APPENDIX TO MINUTES)**

## CONSENTS

The Clerk referred to the list of Consent Applications commented upon since the last Meeting of the Board, which had been circulated to all Members with the Agenda.

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## BANK AND BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk produced the Bank Statements for the Board's Current Account and Business Premium Account showing an aggregate credit balance in Barclays of £938,200.50 as at the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

The Yorkshire Bank account has an additional credit balance of £85,057.46 in a twelve month deposit account which is achieving 1.0% gross per annum.

The Nationwide account has an additional credit balance of £86,201.53 in a twelve month deposit account which is achieving 1.2% gross per annum.

The total balance of the Boards funds held in these accounts is £1,101,459.49.

The Clerk noted that these funds include the UK Coal and Coal Authority balances and deposits for the on-going and rechargeable works, which are £58,886.50.

The Clerk also noting that Barclays Bank were likely to be charging for its banking in the future however they have informed that they will be reviewing banking charges in February 2017.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Independent Flood Review of York

The Clerk informed Members about the publishing of York Council's Independent Review of York Floods recently on the internet.

### **ERYC Scrutiny Committee IDB Review**

The Clerk reported attending the ERYC Scrutiny Review Panel Meeting in Goole on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The Consortium being represented by three Consortium Chairmen to show the support for the York Consortium. The Board now waits for the formal report of the Committee. It being uncertain if it will wish to progress any recommendations.

### **Flood Risk Reduction Plans for York**

The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency had published Flood Risk Reduction Plans for York recently on the internet.

### **ADA London Conference**

The Clerk further reported on attending the London Conference with the Chairman on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

### **Public Sector Cooperation Agreement and De-maining**

Members discussed the above topics and the recent publicity, which is being promoted by the Environment Agency.

The Clerk noted that other Boards of the York Consortium were conducting work on behalf of the Environment Agency under Public Sector Cooperation Agreements.

### **Humber Estuary Strategy**

The Clerk reported that the Humber Estuary Strategy Study was being re-launched and the study may include modelling of the tidal reaches of the Estuary. As an example this may include The River Ouse up to Naburn Lock.

The Clerk advised Members that there had been no correspondence of significance received since the date of the last Meeting. However work is being progressed on the legal work for the Germany Beck Development Consent application.

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**DATE OF NEXT  
MEETING**

It was directed that the date of the next Meeting of the Board is to be at **The Escrick & Deighton Club** on **13<sup>th</sup> June 2017**.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was also noted that a date for a future meeting will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

It was also noted that Finance Sub Committee Meetings are proposed on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.

ANY OTHER  
BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that up to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 the following rates had been collected:

(a) Special Levy -	£ 399,320.38	(100.0%)
(b) Direct Levy -	<u>£ 83,092.43</u>	(99.7%)
	<u>£ 482,412.81</u>	

The Clerk further noted that court action was being taken against two rate payers.

There was no other business and the Meeting was closed.