## MINUTES OF THE KYLE & UPPER OUSE IDB MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022 AT THE GALTRES CENTRE, EASINGWOLD

1	<u>Present</u>	Mr R Shedden (Chair), Mr P Bielby, Mr A Boddy, Mr P Cowton, Mr R Pennock, Mr G Robinson, Mr J P Stirke, Mr S Wragg
		In attendance - Mr N Everard (Clerk of the Board)
2	<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Mrs I Sanderson
3	<u>Chair/Vice Chair</u>	Following the election of the new Board, Mr R Shedden was elected Chair and Mr A Boddy Vice Chair. Members gave a vote of thanks to Mr R Spilman the retiring Vice Chair
4	<b>Board Members</b>	The Clerk reported that there was currently one vacancy following the election.
5	Finance Committee	The Board appointed the Chair and Vice Chair as members of the Finance Committee.
6	<u>Declaration of</u> <u>Interest</u>	None
7	<u>Minutes</u>	The minutes of the meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 were approved and signed and there were no matters arising.
8	<u>Maintenance</u>	The Chairman reported on the work undertaken since the last meeting.
9	<u>Consulting</u> Engineer's Report	The Consulting Engineer's report dated October 2022 together with details of planning applications considered and consents issued to 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 were approved.
		Concern was expressed in respect of a planning application in Easingwold which was withdrawn but a re-submission was expected.
		As stated in the report, given that this was the first year that all primary watercourses were planned to be maintained, the uncertainty in the extent of secondary watercourses to be maintained each year and the value of the contract being below procurement threshold, the Board will consider the Consulting Engineers recommendation at the next meeting toward a further 12 month contract to Morrison & Son. The Consulting Engineer is instructed to arrange an on site demonstration in the New Year.
		Due to the incidence of bird flu in the District, access had been restricted and the Clerk was instructed to raise the matter with the Consulting Engineer.

		The Board are, subject to finance, considering the current mix of directly employed labour and contract and a proposal for replacement of equipment will be considered at the next meeting.
10	<u>Insurance</u>	The Clerk reported on the negotiations for renewal of insurance and insurers are wanting an insprction to include a review of Health & Safety documentation.
11	<u>Association of</u> Drainage Authoritie	The Clerk attended the recent Northern Branch meeting on behalf of es the Board where concerns were expressed to ADA National over the increasing costs to Boards for power, fuel, insurance etc.
12	<u>Audit</u>	The Clerk confirmed that an unqualified opinion had been issued in respect of the Board's accounts for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022. Internal auditors had attended for the interim visit and their report was awaited.
13	<u>Direct Labour</u>	The Clerk reported that ADA White Book increase was 2.5%, as a result of regrading the effective increase was 6.1% with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022. No further information has been received from ADA in respect of an interim award. The Board approved the award.
14	<u>Accounts</u> <u>for Payment</u>	Accounts for Payment Schedule numbers 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38 were approved in the amounts of £15,553.13, £76,224.01, £19,524.36, £24,393.98, £43,274.81 and £61,475.65 respectively.
15	<u>Next Meeting</u>	The Clerk reported that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the Galtres Centre, Easingwold.

.....Chairman

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