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MINUTES OF THE NORTH SOMERSET LEVELS INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD FULL BOARD MEETING HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2024 AT 14:30 IN KINGSTON SEYMOUR VILLAGE HALL

| Attendance: | Attendance: | | | |
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| Elected Members: Mr T Bush (C) Mr N Cole Mr P Kingcott Mr R Mitchell Mr C Pyke Mr C Redding Mr E Adams | Appointed Members: Cllr M Bird Cllr P Burden Mr J Cato Ms S Hearne Cllr C Hunt Cllr Dan Thomas Cllr J Tonkin R Westwood Cllr C Gibbons | Officers: Iain Sturdy Naomi Johnson Phil Brewin Giles Oliver Anthony Brinson Maggie Hammond Matthew Wall Rob King Caroline Murray | Public: | |
| Approved Apologies: | | | | |
| Mr J Harris Mr G Plaister | Ms D Yamanaka | | | |
| Non-Approved Apologies: | | | | |
| Mr G Atwell Mr S Hutchings Mr A Mead Mr R Parsons Mr B Letts | Mr P Harris Cllr M Pepperall Cllr B Petty | | | |

| Agenda Item: | Detail: | Action: |
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| 1. Attendance and Apologies | 1.1. Apologies as per the above Attendance List.1.2. Introductions were made for the benefit of new members. | |
| 2. Items additional to the Agenda | 2.1. The Chair informed the Board that Jeff Fear (Chair of the Axe Brue Board) has been unwell, as he's unavailable to fill that position at the moment, Andrew Gilling (Vice Chair) has stepped into the role for the interim. 2.2 A statement from Tony Bradford, Chair of SDBC, was read out to the Board by the Chair. | |

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| VERBATIM - Certain members have given me concern regarding their attitude to certain consortium staff. I would respectfully remind all members of the differences in their roles and of the staff. All of us have equally important roles to play but it is our duty as board members to set the direction and strategy of our boards and it is the staff's duty to make that strategy a reality for their operational duties. The consortium staff bring their professional qualifications and skills to their role providing their services diligently across all 3 boards in the consortium. It is not for us as members to interfere with their work, I am sorry to say that over several months, periods of time it goes back a long way, the behaviour of certain members of the Boards is having a hugely detrimental effect on the staff and their ability to function effectively which is causing a negative atmosphere in the office and across all 1b a boards. IDB members are always expected to behave in a polite courteous manner and we are all subject to a Code of Conduct which is published on our website. The Code is based on the Nolan principles of public life. These principles which you must all adhere to include respect the integrity and impartiality of the internal drainage boards statutory officers and its other employees. Our Code of Conduct states that we must treat others including our employees courteously and we must not behave towards them in any way which puts them in conflict with their own Code of Conduct. I am sorry to say that although the Code of Conduct sets out what is expected of our members unfortunately this has not been happening with some of our dealings with some of our employees. The Consortium can ill afford to lose experienced staff as has happened in the past, I feel that if this attitude and behaviour carries on it will happen again, I urge you all to consider your actions at this time and the cost involved in complaints and recruitment is expensive and has a detrimental impact not only on the staff but the other | |
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| not only happening in the meetings but continues in different ways after with the aim of destabilising | |
| consortium arrangement so I urge everyone on the IDBs to consider not only their behaviour but other members | |
| behaviour which you might be aware of and to stop all future disruptive actions and comments whether in meetings or dealing directly with our staff. | |
| Tim Bush added that there have never been any problems like this in the NSL Board. | |

| 2. Declarations of | | |
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| 3. Declarations of Interest | 3.1. None were made | |
| Interest 4. Opportunity for Members of the Public to address the Meeting | 4.1. David Pope from Four Gables in Nailsea was present at the meeting and the Chair welcomed him to speak to the Board about his concerns. Mr Pope told the Board that his property is adjacent to a new Taylor Wimpey development just outside of Nailsea and has experienced some severe surface water flooding issues, 7 occasions in the last 2 years. He appreciated that its slightly outside of the Boards area, but felt the more people are aware of the issues the more pressure it will add to Taylor Wimpey. So far Taylor Wimpey have offered to put in two attenuation ponds and they are requiring Mr Pope to spend £15,000 - £20,000 for remedial drainage costs. Mr Pope feels like it should be the responsibility for Taylor Wimpey to come up with a full solution and to cover the cost of this. Mr Pope explained he is looking at various avenues with North Somerset Council but asked the Board fi they can think of any other avenues that would put pressure of Taylor Wimpey he would welcome these ideas. Mr Pope stated that the previous owners said there was no previous flooding issues to the property. James Tonkin said he had a testimonial from a previous owner who said that there was no flooding and this goes back to a period of around 40 years. Colin Pike said that historically there has always been a problem there with flooding and in the past 5-6 years there have been pumps working previously. Mr Pope replied that this was news to him, James Tonkin was in agreement with Mr Pope. Sandra Hearne said that the problems have got worse. She stated she knows the area and there has never been flooding of the magnitude that he has seen since the new development was started. She recalled the winter of 1962-1963 and there was no flooding there. Mr Pope stated that there are a number of springs on the Taylor Wimpey site and they had a requirement to map these and it was not done. | |

| | Mr Pope confirmed he had a flood risk assessment done when he purchased the property and no issues were identified. IDS suggested that Mr Pope go back to whoever provided that risk assessment and seek their professional advice to have an additional piece of evidence against Taylor Wimpey. Another suggestion was to seek further local knowledge. IDS said he would be happy to provide Mr Pope with a LIDAR plan to help all parties understand the lie of the land. Mr Pope mentioned there was spoil on the flow path. IDS explained that as its outside the Board's area we have no powers to take action unless it would be the case. James Tonkin had the letter from the previous incumbent to Simon Bunn that said there was some minor flooding in the 27 years they were there but nothing to the level now being experienced. This letter can be submitted to the Board if required. IDS stated we need to be careful we don't overstep our authority, but Mr Pope harnessing local knowledge should be helpful. The Chair thanked Mr Pope for his address to the Board and Mr Pope left the meeting at 14.50. | |
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| 5. Approval of Minutes | 5.1. The minutes of the NSLIDB Full Board Meeting held 17 October 2023 had been provided to the Board in advance. It was resolved 'That the minutes are a true and correct record of | |
| | the meeting' Prop: J.Cato Sec: N. Cole All in Favour 5.2 It was highlighted that John Harris is mentioned in the minutes and he wasn't in attendance at this meeting. There was also a name in the minutes that wasn't recognised. Maggie Hammond will make the correct amendments to this. | RESOLUTION 1 |

| 5.3 The Chair went through the written minutes page by page. Peter Burden mentioned P 12 regarding EA work not being done, can the information being gathered by Dan Alsop be made available to North Somerset Council. | Action :NSL/20240131 – 1 – Maggie Hammond |
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| IDS agreed to this and advised there is an update to come. Giles Oliver added that NSC have taken up with the EA over the lower end of Cross Rhyne in Weston area . | |
| Anthony Brinson wanted to thank IDS as most work from Weston Road has now been done and it is enhancing water flow. | |
| Peter Burden said that there was a motion put to council instructing an executive member who is a member of the WRFCC to come forward with a report of work that they have decided not to do anymore. However no report was forthcoming. He understands they are being pushed on a few issues and certain works are now getting done. | |
| IDS replied that at the first WRFCC meeting of last financial year, the EA declared that they only been awarded 63% of the revenue funding that had been applied for. We have asked what work they have intended to do but have not been able to and IDS has asked for this information to be made available, but as of yet it has not been given to us. IDS recognises he will need to chase for this between meetings. | |
| Peter Burden stated there needs to be a move to government to get more funding for maintenance. | |
| IDS there is a Parliamentary Accounts Committee report on flood risk recently published that says that virtually all of the EAs flood risk targets around new infrastructure will not be met and have been reset and that maintenance is not being achieved. They are missing their targets for watercourses and assets as well. | |
| Richard Westwood stated that in Clevedon, the Friends of the Yeo put together a letter and report reference the unsatisfactory maintenance of Land Yeo. The letter was sent to Sir Dr Fox and now the EA have improved and taken action regarding the Land Yeo, it is in a much better state now. He suggested that local MPs are copied into correspondence regarding maintenance concerns. | |

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| | IDS responded that it can be inappropriate or counterproductive for public bodies to work against each other. He is happy to supply information to the council in order to keep the pressure on the EA and the IDB will do the same. Members of the public and individuals should use the MPs to build pressure on concerns, but IDS didn't feel it would be right for the Board to go direct to the MP. | |
| | Richard Westwood felt this wouldn't be criticising the EA but rather 'putting our arms around the EA' in support of lack of funding. | |
| | IDS said that should the new EA director be in agreement with this we would absolutely look at supporting them to highlight the lack of funding. | |
| | Peter Burden asked if we were just agreeing with David Jenkins letter? | |
| | IDS said the EA are agreeing as well but that he doesn't want to go to war and it's vital that we work together. We can highlight difficulties in the lack of funding and how that affects us. | |
| | The Chair said that it is good to hear that pressure does often work to get results. | |
| | Giles Oliver highlighted the fact that it's not just the lack of maintenance it's the timing of maintenance. There is a need to be proactive not reactive. | |
| | 5.4 Chris Redding questioned page 13 and felt that his statement wasn't complete and would like an amendment to be made regarding the reluctance by NRA to deal with badgers some considerable time ago and had caused flooding at Wick St Lawrence due to the holes they had created in the sea wall. | ACTION Number needed |
| | The minute will be corrected | |
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| 6. Matters Arising | IDS shared the table of actions from the last meeting on the projector. | |
| | 1. NSL20221116 – 2 - Group of Board members to debate investments across the consortium of Boards and develop a policy for investment. The | |

| | <i>policy is currently under development.</i> – This action is ongoing with Maggie Hammond. | NSL20221116 – 2 - ONGOING |
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| | 2 NSL20221116-3 - New sluice to improve water levels on Claverham Drove; designs have been completed and prices to be sought. Dan Alsop to cover this in the Engineering section. | NSL20221116-3 – ONGOING |
| | 3. <i>NSL20231017-1 -Review Dynamic Risk</i> <i>Assessments on the Health and Safety policy.</i> IDS working with N. Johnson on these actions. Changing Avensure to Worknest and as part of this they will be reviewing H and S and risk assessments. Ongoing. | NSL20231017-1 – ONGOING |
| | 4. NSL20231017-2 . Review tetanus vaccinations regulations – Naomi Johnson confirmed Booster is required every ten year – action now closed. 5. NSL20231017-3 Giles Oliver to meet Cllr James | NSL20231017-2 – CLOSED |
| | <i>Tonkin and Cllr Sandra Hearne at Four Gables</i> <i>House site</i> - this has been discussed, action now closed. | NSL20231017-3 – CLOSED |
| | 6. NSL20231017-4 - Dan Alsop to provide lain Sturdy him with a detailed list of issues so that he could take it to the EA – Dan has done this and there are 2 letters prepared and ready to send to the EA. | NSL20231017-4 - CLOSED |
| 7. Health & Safety | IDS, on behalf of Naomi Johnson, asked that the report be taken as read. There were no questions from the Board regarding the report. | |
| 8. Finance Report | 8.1 Maggie Hammond (MH) said bank reconciliations have been completed up until the end of Dec 2023 and everything is fine in this regard. | |
| | 8.2 Regarding the reserve policy no questions have been received from members and it was proposed | |
| | 'To adopt the Reserves Policy as set out in the Paper' | |
| | Prop: Sandra Hearne | |
| | Sec: James Tonkin | |
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| | 8.3 The Chair confirmed that the Finance & Works committee had reviewed the budget proposal in detail and made some amendments which lowered the figures. MH asked the Board to vote to agree the Budget. | |
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| | 'To agree Budget as per Papers' | |
| | Prop: Peter Burden | |
| | Sec: Bob Mitchell | |
| | All in Favour | RESOLUTION 2 |
| | 8.4. MH discussed the outstanding drainage rates position as per the papers. She highlighted how hard the team have worked and the rates arrears are reducing. MH showed the Board a slide detailing the breakdowns of debts. MH said this is a healthy position to be in, especially given the cost-of-living crisis. We currently don't prosecute under £50, but this can be reconsidered in the future if required. | |
| | Cllr Dan Thomas asked for more information regarding the arrears and how long the arrears have been outstanding. MH replied that she can get that information to Cllr Thomas. | Action :NSL/20240131 – 2 – Maggie Hammond |
| 9. Operation and Engineering | 9.1 The Chair introduced Caroline Murray from Calm Engineering. | |
| Report | IDS added that Caroline heads up a team of Engineers that work on schemes , support the Development Control department and also support the SRA program. IDS said Calm are a good experienced team who are making good progress on all fronts. | |
| | IDS shared the Operational report and said that this contains more information about our project programs than has been shared before. There is a new Appendix B – the Dashboard that shows all the schemes for this financial year and next financial year, along with the funding information. | |
| | 9.2 Matthew Wall (MW) – Maintenance Update | |
| | MW shared with the Board that there are areas marked on the plan that have only been cleared once, not twice as intended, this is due to maize and access issues. | |
| | The only area that wasn't cleaned at all last year was Red Croft, Kewstoke. The NSL area benefitted from getting the maintenance done earlier. Due to late wet weather, we are still catching up on the Axe Brue and Parrett Board areas. | |
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| 9.3 Chris Redding asked about Pennywort, he said he has spoken with a contractor and it could be mechanised to an extent by modifying a hedger in order to spray large areas and then use the hand sprayers to mop up what's left. | |
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| IDS said this was a helpful observation. Phil Brewin (PB) is our expert in how to deal with this issue and is presenting this at an ADA conference shortly so IDS felt that he should defer to PB. | |
| PB stated that 2023 was a good year for our efforts against Pennywort. There is certainly progress but it is an enormous problem. | |
| Chris Redding stated that the Budget for this has not been spent. | |
| PB replied that this year we allocated a generous sum to increase our capacity to bring in additional spraying contractors and that is still the intention. He recognised the need to be persistent and consistent with this issue. | |
| As we have seen in recent months when the IDB have been busy with dealing with flooding issues, it's unfortunately the perfect time for pennywort to recover. PB hopes that come next summer we will have that extra capacity available to boost the team. Extra capacity is required in the NSL area. Spending money now will save in the future. | |
| MW added that our existing contractors are not trained to spray, what we need is a specialist contractor. We need to source a suitable company for the whole consortium area and we are networking to find someone suitable. | |
| PB stated we are open to new techniques. In the past we have used a special contractor with a Boom sprayer. In a recent conference drone technology was also discussed. | |
| Chris Redding added that farming has been mechanised over the last 100 years so we need to follow that. | |
| 8.4 Rob King – Operations update | |
| We now have a new Operations Technician who has joined the team called Charlie Ford. Charlie is learning about key structures to help the area supervisors as required. We are still actively seeking a Deputy Area Supervisor for NSL. | |
| 8.5 Giles Oliver and Caroline Murray - Engineer Update | |
| Giles Oliver (GO) asked to take the report as read. He updated the Board that the gauge boards contract is in place and work is underway. GO said he is working alongside Calm to deliver a number of projects and passed over to Caroline to give more information. | |
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| Caroline Murray (CM) gave an update on Milleaze, the tender prices came back and it came back quite a lot more than expected. Appendix B shows an update. | |
| In terms of budgets CM said she was a bit nervous about Hurst Pool Rhyne – there is a shortfall of $\pounds11,713.00.$ | |
| Maggie Hammond recommended releasing some funds from the reserves in order to cover this shortfall. | |
| 'To use funds from the reserve to cover the shortfall for the Hunt pool Rhyne project' | RESOLUTION 3 |
| Prop: Chris Redding | |
| Sec: John Cato | |
| All in Favour | |
| GO gave a further update on Samsons Sluice and the permissive path cycleway agreement, the project is moving forward. The Clerk and Chair will need to sign the agreement for the permissive path over the sluice. | |
| James Tonkin said that he was informed by the officer in charge of the cycleway that it could be due to open after the 31 st March 2024. | |
| Dan Alsop said that hopefully the Engineering Report has been read by everybody and went on to update the Board on Nailsea Wetland, which is a proposed treatment facility. This week they told Dan Alsop that they are doing more studies. When the Board comes to issuing consent on this project, we need to ensure that its not affecting surrounding landowners. We have been waiting for 2 years for the study. | |
| Crossmans Hatch – Still awaiting information from the structural engineers. But Dan is confident that all is going to program. Claverham Drove – Not gone out to tender yet but is imminent. | |
| Mike Bird said that he had spoken with Sarah Williams of Wessex Water about the wetland project, who said that they had no lead partners to take it forward and asked if there is any signs of anyone willing to take it on? | |
| Dan Alsop replied that Wessex Water have put a lot of money into this project already and there is not enough commitment to implement the scheme at the moment. Dan Alsop said he was astonished at how much they thought the implementation of the project would cost. The latest hurdle was what to do with the peat they needed to dig out and his view is not a lot will happen for a long time. | |
| The Chair asked what the difference between 'appraisal/survey' and 'pending' on Item 7 of the engineering program. | |

| | Caroline replied that pending means 'no appraisal has yet been done'. But IDS advised that these relate to projects in 2024/25 | |
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| | John Cato asked about pending items for 24/25 and the shortfalls for 24/25. What are the potential risks of the shortfall and when can we look into this in more detail? | |
| | IDS replied that some things that are pending are because Calm haven't looked at this yet and some are understood and older items. Appraisal means that there is a handover from Engineering staff to Calm. Its not a standing start. | |
| | The colour coding shows where funding is coming from. Green = new funding from 24/25 which has just been approved in the budget. This means that the finance record will reflect accurately the project record. We can clearly identify shortfalls and surpluses. | |
| | IDS wanted to reassure John Cato that at this point he wasn't concerned, as the year goes on he's sure that some projects will come in more and some less and this is monitored on a monthly basis. IDS said he is confident we now have a deliverable program and the resources and money to be able to get on and deliver. | |
| | GO added that some items pending are bank slips that are not serious and we are currently focussed on this year's projects. | |
| | Apologies were made as Virgine Martin is unwell but any development control questions can be taken back to the office by GO. | |
| 10.Environment Update | 10.1 Phil Brewin (PB) Ecologist presented his report from the Environment Committee held in Dec 2023, which included presentations from guest speakers about their work in Somerset and how it relates to the duties and activities of the IDB. The Environment Paper included summaries of the presentations. | |
| | 10.2 PB explained that the LNRS is something that every council is required to have and the Board have a requirement to take part in this. This is a good opportunity to work out our actions and we can seek help and funding to deliver those actions. | |
| | 10.3 PB informed the Board that there is a need for more traction with regards to the North Somerset LNRS plan and he is hoping that Councillors can take this back to the council and ask more questions about this - as it is a very important document which will have an effect on the Board's work. | |
| | 10.4 PB discussed Bio Diversity Net Gain, there is a lot of interest in how things can be developed and delivered and there may be some funding opportunities. Private investment may also bring money in. ELMS (Environmental Land Management Strategy) is an | |

| interesting development; PB said he is unsure how | |
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| practical it may be and if the farming community can agree on this – only time will tell. | |
| 10.5 PB told the Board about the Eel Recovery Project which highlights the plight of Eels - which are a very important species within the Somerset Levels and Moors. The project gives an insight into the conservation and recovery of eels. The education side is extremely important and the aim is to engage school children into learning more about eels. | |
| Peter Burden asked what has actually changed with eels as most of our structures have been there for years. Tim Bush said we are at a loss to actually pinpoint what's changed. Phil Brewin said that there are a number of contributing factors due to the very complex lifecycle they have. | |
| Sandra Hearne asked if the bank lengths and differences may contribute. | |
| PB agreed that this is one of the factors, there is less connectivity in the system. In terms of what's changed, it takes several generations to decline, so this issue likely started a long time ago but we are seeing the effects of this now. PB said we need to look at ways we can help and consider this when implementing new structures – we need to invest in the right way. | |
| It was suggested that a short-term solution could be to catch and release. PB agreed that this is possible. | |
| John Cato said that in July there is an Eel Conference in Glastonbury and PB said it would be great to have a good Drainage Board representation. | |
| Dan Alsop added that the EA have put eel passages in main outfalls. On our program we have added installing eel passes on top of small weirs. It seems there is no monitoring going on regarding where eels and elvers are found in our watercourses. There is no evidence of them being seen at all. | |
| Phil Brewin responded that the presence of eel DNA (eDNA) in the water column as a survey method can help us understand if eels are present or not and can help inform our program. | |
| 10.6 PB informed the Board of the Lowland Peat Strategy. A grant was applied for the NSL and this has been accepted. There is nearly £100k of grant money available to spend on monitoring equipment and developing our telemetry equipment. It's a good opportunity for this Board to look at offers from suppliers for telemetry and build our network. There is a time constraint nature of what we can do but this cap used as a case study. | |
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| It's a small but manageable project. There was also a grant awarded in the Parrett area to invest in channel works, pumps and telemetry. | |
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| PB informed the Board of the Caudwell Report and its significance – particularly conveyance and control of water levels in areas of peat in dry times. In the NSL area we are looking at key areas and monitoring these. | |
| PB said that Dan Thomas had taken on a new job of Chair of Peatland Partnership in Somerset. There is quite a lot of investment and work currently going on in the NSL area, and this is an important issue for everybody. | |
| The Chair said with regards to the peat in the NSL area- the National Grid had recently ploughed right through it with their pylons. He asked them to provide information on the depth of the peat in this area, as of yet they haven't got back to him with this information but have acknowledged his request. | |
| Colin Pyke asked with regards to the National Grid, where they have gone over the peat fields, they are offering a choice of top soil or peat to make up the area that has been lowered– he asked what PB would recommend? | |
| PB there are questions needed about where the peat or topsoil is coming from. If peat dries out it will struggle to recover. | |
| Dan Alsop asked if the Board had been consulted and was Phil Brewin involved in the haul road restoration? PB replied that yes but it was unclear as to what they are trying to do, it may be a task for the land owners to negotiate. | |
| Giles Oliver added that there have been a number of meetings with Balfour Betty about the culverts including leaving some of the culverts in. Some of the culverts have settled considerably and there are now soffits underwater. Balfour Betty were having conversations with Natural England. One idea when removing a culvert was to turn it into 2 cattle drinkers which was not acceptable. PB said that this was a complicated issue as to how the land might be reinstated. | |
| Sandra said she was very interested in how the work was being done, they have piles of material in different areas with different membranes before they cover in gravel in North Drove, Nailsea. | |
| The Chair felt that this issue wouldn't be solved here thanked PB for his update and congratulated him on the successful grant bid. | |

| 11. Issues to be raised with ADA | 11.0 IDS said this new agenda item is in place to try and establish a connection between local issues and ADA. ADA is connected to government and are a powerful route to feeding issues in at a higher level. The Southwest Director of ADA is Rebecca Horsington a member of the Parrett Board. We can use ADA to help raise local issues. IDS stated that maintenance issues already on the radar are being fed into ADA. | |
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| | IDS asked if there are any issues, he is happy to take emails, calls etc with any issues that the Board would like to take to ADA. | |
| 12. AOB | I2.0 IDS said that with regards to the meeting calendars there was a debate last time to reduce the number of meetings per year. Unfortunately, one Board (the Parrett Board) did not vote to reduce meetings. The Parrett Board would prefer to reduce meetings by getting rid of the subcommittee meetings instead of the Board Meetings. For the time being we will continue with 4 meetings per year as before. There may be an opportunity to cancel the April meeting if there were no pressing issues. One annual meeting could be an annual inspection meeting. | |
| | Chris Redding said that lunch was part of those previous inspection meetings and IDS agreed this could happen again in future inspection meetings. | |
| 13. Date of Next Meeting | The Chair said the date of the next meeting was 17 th April at 14.30. | |
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Annex:

A. NSLIDB Board – Table of Outstanding Actions

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ANNEX A TO NSLIDB BOARD MINUTES DATED 31 JANUARY 2024

NSLIDB BOARD – TABLE OF OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

| Action Number: | Action: | Actionee: |
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| NSL20221116 - 2 | Group of Board members to debate investments across the consortium of Boards and develop a policy for investment. The policy is currently under development. | M Hammond - In progress |
| NSL20221116 - 3 | New sluice to improve water levels on Claverham Drove; designs have been completed and prices to be sought. | D Alsop - Ongoing |
| NSL/20231017- 1 | Review Dynamic Risk Assessments on the Health and Safety policy. | I Sturdy - Ongoing |
| NSL/20240131 - 1 | To make required amendments to the minutes of Full Board meeting held 17 October 2023. | M Hammond |
| NSL/20240131 - 2 | To make additional information regarding outstanding arrears available to Cllr Dan Thomas. | M Hammond |
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