

**MINUTES OF THE NSLIDB FULL BOARD MEETING HELD AT KINGSTON SEYMOUR VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 2025**

Attendance:			
Elected Members: Tim Bush John Harris Peter Kingcott Robert Mitchell Bob Parsons Chris Redding	Appointed Members: Cllr Mike Bird Cllr Peter Burden John Cato Sandra Hearne Cllr Clare Hunt Cllr Dan Thomas Cllr James Tonkin Deborah Yamanaka	Officers: Mr I Sturdy Mr M Wall Mrs V Martin Mr P Brewin Mr G Oliver Mrs K Carleton Mr A Brinson Mr D Alsop	Public: Mrs W Griggs
Approved Apologies:			
Alistair Mead Nigel Cole Brad Fowler	Cllr Bridget Petty	Rob King Caroline Murray David Crossman	
Non-Approved Apologies:			
George Atwell Simon Hutchings Ben Letts Graham Plaister	Cllr Catherine Gibbons Peter Harris Cllr Marcia Pepperall David Shopland Richard Westwood		

Agenda Item:	Detail:	Action:
1. Attendance & Apologies	The meeting started at 14.36 Apologies as above The Chair introduced Katy Carleton (KC), Senior Governance Officer. He also introduced a new appointed member Wendy Griggs (WG) who will be taking over from Bridget Petty. WG explained that she will be officially appointed in 2 weeks time.	
2. Items Additional to the Agenda	2.1 The Chair announced the sad news that after a period of illness, Jeff Fear passed away last week. Jeff was the Chair of the Axe Brue Board, the Vice-Chair if the Consortium and the Chair of SWADA. The Board stood for a minute of silence. 2.2 Iain Sturdy (IDS) brought to the Board's attention a complaint that had been recently received from a Board member. It involved livestock lost due to water levels. The matter is being investigated and officers will report back once concluded.	

3. Declarations of Interest	Will be declared as they arise during the meeting	
4. Members of the public	Wendy Griggs was in attendance as she is expected to be appointed to the Board by North Somerset Council in due course.	
5. Minutes of the NSLIDB Full Board Meeting held on 29 January 2025	<p>P2 ref John Cato (JC) noted he is no longer a Councillor. P5 9.7 is on twice so subsequent numbering is incorrect P6 9.9 Peter Kingcott (PK) asked if there is any update. The Chair advised this will be covered in matters arising P7 There is an incorrect date, corrected and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Peter Burden SECONDED: John Cato “that the minutes of the Full Board meeting held on 29 January 2025 with the corrections noted above are signed as a true and correct record of the meeting held”. All in favour</p>	RESOLUTION 01
6. Matters Arising	<p>NSL/20250129-3, Item 9.10 Planning applications and consent at North Lane.</p> <p>Virginie Martin (VM) advised that the IDB commented on the EIA scoping opinion consultation and the Local Plan. We recommended as low a discharge rate as we can (2l/s/ha of impermeable area post development), integration of SUDS with no interruption to existing overland flow and space for maintenance. Recommended to seek alternative receptor to the surface water drainage due to limited capacity in the Parish Brook.</p> <p>A member advised that planning had been refused. It is now a long term let at 7 North Lane.</p> <p>IDS noted that if there is any further proposal, it will be looked at again.</p> <p>Item 9.9 Working on the side of the road.</p> <p>Matthew Wall (MW) has had discussions with Andy Tucker who has raised concerns about undertaking mobile works on a single lane highway. We are putting together a Safe System of Work which we hope will be in place in time for keetching. Once everyone is happy with the proposed work method, we will put these in place and work will be able to proceed.. This has implications for other contractors across the consortium.</p> <p>The Chair asked why there was no banksman.</p> <p>MW explained that Tucker’s consultant has said he is not compliant with the RAMS he has in place. We will work with him to ensure that is possible.</p> <p>Peter Kingcott (PK) asked if the onus is on the contractor or the IDB to sort this out</p> <p>MW explained that we need to be in agreement and sign off RAMS to ensure we are happy for the contractor to deliver works safely. It may mean that on occasion we will have to close roads.</p> <p>PK noted that road closure needs 3 months notice. Keetch needs doing and time is moving on.</p>	

	<p>MW advised we are hoping to have something in place before this starts.</p> <p>IDS explained this has evolved. We have had concerns for a while. Previously contractors have been more relaxed, we have put RAMS in place and Area Supervisors have been trained to understand the processes for temporary mobile works using a well-recognised approach to signage and visibility. As we have had incidents, one contractor is more concerned and covering their own liabilities so we need to review the Safe System of Work. We will speak with Highways to be aligned, however some roads are more difficult than others.</p> <p>Chris Redding (CR) asked if Area Supervisors can be involved and help.</p> <p>IDS stated that we need to be clear on roles and responsibilities. Area Supervisors can identify difficulties and prepare for them, but shouldn't be acting as a banksman. If a contractor needs a banksman/signage etc, it is up to them to put these in place.</p> <p>John Harris (JH) noted that we have had the whole winter to sort out and it is now only a few weeks until the first keetch.</p> <p>IDS explained that this is a recent issue following an incident just a few weeks ago. A contractor has raised a concern recently, and we are following up as we should.</p> <p>NSL/20221116-2 – Maggie has sent her apologies, we still need to make progress on an Investment Policy. She has opened higher interest accounts in the meantime. The sticking point on the policy is ethical investment and we have not had time to follow up.</p> <p>The Chair asked if we have had a discussion, and does the board have a view.</p> <p>IDS confirmed there has been discussion which reached a certain point where ethical investment needs to be considered.</p> <p>John sat in on a North Somerset County pension forum. There it was suggested that ethical and sustainable investment is not only morally the right thing to do, but if you choose non sustainable/ethical investment it is likely to be riskier.</p> <p>IDS noted the current policy focusses on a balance between liquidity and security. Maggie will come back to the next board.</p> <p>NSL/20240619-2 - Tour of inspections did not take place last year due to lack of interest.it was suggested that this takes place just for NSLIDB.</p> <p>The Chair felt this could take place during an evening but would need to be June July.</p> <p>IDS/The Chair to discuss further.</p> <p>NSL/20250129-1 - Potential insurance claim following H&S incident. We have not heard from the people involved or their insurance company.</p>	<p>ACTION NSL/20250423 -01</p>
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	<p>We have since carried out a thorough inspection of all structures and carried out remedial works which are mostly completed. There are some temporary measures where not completed yet.</p> <p>NSL/20250129-2 IDS advised the Emma Hardy letter was not shared as things moved quickly after the meeting and it was not appropriate to write at this time.</p> <p>The Chair drew attention to the Consortium's Alzheimer's fundraiser for which raffle tickets were available. IDS noted that there were some excellent prizes.</p>	
<p>7. Health and Safety Report</p>	<p>IDS gave a verbal update on behalf of Naomi Johnson.</p> <p>7.1 Incidents reported: 2 of verbal aggression from landowners. One in person to an Area Supervisor, one over the telephone to Finance regarding arrears. These have both been recorded and support provided where needed.</p> <p>CR asked how we got on with the courts.</p> <p>IDS noted this had gone well, we have acted within the bylaws and pursued outstanding rates over a certain value.</p> <p>7.2 Working by the road has been covered in matters arising. This matter highlights the importance of reporting and driving improvements, so can be seen as constructive.</p> <p>7.3 NJ has set a timetable for monthly awareness topics. She will send out updates to all staff with a monthly focus on H&S. The first is risk awareness & risk assessments. Future topics to include Coshh, ladder safety, asbestos awareness, fire safety, accident & near miss reporting, wellbeing, manual handling, lone working and driving for work. Hoping that over 12 months this will keep knowledge up to date.</p> <p>7.4 Full H&S audit took place last year (5 yearly). The annual update from Worknest is next week.</p> <p>7.5 Training: 3 staff have recently undertaken Lantra 4X4 training. The new DAS has also completed Defra water safety awareness training. Jody has completed Mental Health First Aid training.</p>	
<p>8. Staffing Update</p>	<p>8.1 IDS introduced KC, Senior Governance Officer who will be assisting with all governance tasks around the running of the Board. Going forward we hope to issue minutes in draft form more quickly. There will also be a list of outstanding actions for officers which will be followed up on. This will ease Maggie's workload.</p> <p>The Chair noted the Board's appreciation of Maggie who has stepped up to support the Board.</p> <p>IDS noted that she has done a fantastic job alongside Nick Stevens.</p> <p>The Chair asked if Nick will stay on as an advisor.</p> <p>IDS noted he still needs advising and will have input from Nick on strategy, policy and future planning.</p>	

	<p>8.2 Kendra Kingston (Senior Finance Assistant) is retiring in June after 17 years service. We are recruiting for her replacement.</p>	
<p>9. Governance</p>	<p>9.1 SDBC Management Committee quorum</p> <p>A proposal was put forward by the SDBC Management Committee to reduce its quorum as it is struggling with attendance. At the last meeting members voted to change the number of attendees to achieve that. It is currently 4 Axe Brue, 3 Parrett, 2 NSL. This needs to be approved by each board.</p> <p>A proposal was made to change to quorum to 3 Axe Brue, 2 Parrett, 1 NSL.</p> <p>Proposed Peter Burden Seconded Deborah Yamanaka All in favour, none against, 2 abstentions</p> <p>9.2 Future Boards Structure: IDS advised there is an ongoing interest in what an amalgamated board might look like. Officers have been asked by the Consortium to put together a briefing paper showing what the process would be, how it might look, timescales, benefits, disadvantages etc. The SDBC Management Committee have asked for this to be raised in Board Meetings. This largely comes from poor attendance and the difficulty in doing business when not quorate. There are some drivers nationally. There could be benefits locally such as being a bigger local player to perhaps step in when the EA can't, having more resources available. Possible disadvantages around loss of local knowledge, so would need to look at how we deal with that. This is not being pushed, but needs to be on the radar. IDS will bring a paper to a future Board Meeting. The Chair noted that this may be contentious, but once the Board joined the Consortium it put itself on the road to amalgamation. NSL feel slightly distant from the other two. Can see the benefits for the consortium staff. .</p> <p>James Tonkin (JT) asked if this would mean lots more people to accommodate. He wondered if perhaps the 2 southern boards could amalgamate first.</p> <p>Members were concerned that 2 hour meetings would become 6 hours.</p> <p>The Chair noted that an amalgamated board would have a different structure and could mean fewer members, less appointed.</p> <p>IDS noted that we are small compared to the Eastern Boards. We are seen as 3 boards grumbling locally, and need to explore whether there is a need to step up together to take on issues.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the EA are stepping back from maintenance which will be covered later.</p> <p>New member Wendy Griggs noted that whilst we have mentioned efficiencies, the report should also include aspects that will be negatives.</p> <p>IDS noted that in seriousness it could be a day-long event, where good business was done influencing other parties.</p>	<p>RESOLUTION 02</p>

PB noted that we are one of the bodies which do real beneficial work for the people. We now have a good relationships with the local authority in North Somerset. He is concerned about breaking this link as there is no appetite to merge at a county level. Might be a problem as small area represented and could get lost. He can however see all the benefits, particularly as members are becoming harder to recruit.

Bob Mitchell asked if rates would be board-wide or separate and how would they link in with the 2 local authorities.

IDS explained these are options to consider. There is a possibility that there could be differential rates, however the point needs analysis and therefore lots of input. As one board, we could do and influence more, but also need to consider possible downsides.

The Chair noted that whilst there may be fewer board members, those involved would be those most interested, whilst now it is hard to recruit. He asked how long it would be until a paper was drawn up.

IDS felt that it may be possible to have thoughts ready to take to the next Board meeting.

PB would like the opportunity to take a report back to NS Council.

PK asked if there is a push from higher up. Would we become like the EA.

IDS noted that there is a sweet spot in terms of size. Things are changing nationally including the expectation on IDB's. We have seen examples of bigger boards are going through a restructure. IDS sits on ADA Technical and Policy groups which indicate the direction of travel is smaller boards joining together.

Members noted that structures are important and could be made up of one main board to deal with governance/ finance etc, and regional subcommittees to represent local issues. We just need to think differently.

IDS explained that the other Boards have raised loss of local knowledge/ connection as a problem. This is always a worry however the Parrett have done it several times and it was always raised as a concern, however these people are still available even if not Board members.

The Chair feels most local knowledge is with Area Supervisors and local knowledge is possibly overplayed.

PB noted that it's not just local knowledge, but also representation. In East Anglia there is not much landowner representation left.

The Chair noted these are matters to consider over the next couple of years

Members asked if there is a deadline.

IDS said that he will produce a paper as soon as possible. Board elections in 2 years' time may dictate the pace.

The Chair asked about the reaction of the other boards.

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	<p>IDS said there is not a huge appetite, but concede the need to consider it.</p> <p>9.3 Finance update on changes to double cab pickups tax implications. They are being treated as cars not commercial vehicles under new rules. We don't pay corporation tax so there is no implication. They are also not used for personal use, so there is no benefit in kind.</p> <p>Sandra Hearne noted an article she had heard on the radio which suggested that it made no difference if it is a benefit in kind. They were going to be classified as cars.</p> <p>IDS noted that Maggie has investigated.</p> <p>Outstanding drainage rates £5292.44, most of which is from the previous year.</p> <p>PB noted that a Councillor is not allowed to vote on tax elements of a budget if they are in arrears on their Council Tax. He asked if this is the same for a board member who has not paid their rates</p> <p>IDS clarified if they are in arrears, they are unable to nominate or be nominated.</p> <p>PK asked if it is an option to email drainage rate demands.</p> <p>IDS has looked into this, but this is a demand rather than an invoice, similar to Council Tax and must be sent as a paper copy. We do also use the opportunity to enclose our newsletter and other items which has additional benefits.</p>	
<p>10. Flooding and operational issues – Discussion</p>	<p>IDS fed back to the Board an EA update on their programme of main river maintenance.</p> <p>This has previously been difficult to know, however we now have a list this year and a map showing what will/won't be done by the EA.</p> <p>IDS shared the maps provided with the Board.</p> <p>The upshot is an ongoing position where the EA is insufficiently funded to maintain the main rivers we depend upon.</p> <p>IDS read part of the report:</p> <p><i>“Whilst an additional £1.2m of FCRM Grant in Aid funding has been received in comparison to 2024-25, Wessex have still only received 63% of the total 2025-26 bid of £15.2m meaning the programme has had to be prioritised. The increase in funding has allowed us to keep pace with inflation and contract out work in high consequence systems where Field Team are unable to deliver, in contrast to last year when no work was contracted out. The 5% increase in IDB Precept enables us to keep pace with inflation, meaning a similar operation and maintenance programme as the previous year. The £540k SRA Grant will enable us to deliver weed cut work in locations that would not have met the prioritisation criteria for FCRM Grant in Aid this year.”</i></p>	

Current news headlines have suggested that more funding is available, but this is not the reality here.

We will continue to maintain our network, but will struggle to discharge into main rivers if they are not maintained.

We have made steps to secure grant funding to carry out works in the Parrett and Axe Brue areas under PSCA's. These come with very short timescales however, so we have not yet been able to secure for North Somerset.

MW is looking to get one in place. He has looked at the Land Yeo as proposed by David Crossman, but upon inspection it was felt to be ok. They also started looking at the River Kenn, but ran out of time.

IDS stated that we will continue to seek opportunities to bring in money for any possible works. The work we have done already has given the agency confidence that we can carry out some of the works if they are funded. EA say their powers are permissive and riparian owners can carry out their own maintenance.

PB asked if there is any point in working in West Lyng and one other. When he has visited the area, the ditches are dry. Is work a waste of time

CR asked about floating pennywort and if we can we fight this with money not spent last year.

PBr feels this is illustrative of our work. The EA and Defra feel that there is no need for maintenance and treat the area as a nature reserve. We are perhaps overdoing it upstream. It should be a happy medium and needs to be coherent.

PBr will cover floating pennywort in his presentation.

The Chair asked if we would be looking at the Lower Kenn this winter.

MW explained the remaining money has been paid back as the time has passed to spend it, but we can pursue another PCSA.

TB asked if we are happy with the Land Yeo.

MW felt David Crossman is happy with this watercourse. There was some flooding from a badger set, but the landowner will remedy this.

Giles Oliver (GO) noted that the River Banwell is a critical flood drainage asset and finds it puzzling how the EA are making decisions. It may be fine not to maintain for one year, but many houses are affected.

IDS reiterated that it is an ongoing job to continue pushing the case for more maintenance. We can help prioritise and there is also a job for the 3 boards to challenge some of the thinking in the EA and Defra. We do this through ADA and other bodies and need to continue.

The Chair noted this has been done with a degree of success in the past few years.

	<p>John Cato asked what became of the extra 5 million in the kitty.</p> <p>IDS clarified that according to the EA the £1.2m sent to Wessex had just kept up with inflation.</p> <p>Dan Alsop (DA) asked about withholding precept from rates and if there is any renegotiation with EA?</p> <p>IDS advised the 20% precept is a demand and is not calculated against a programme of work.</p> <p>DA had noted in the ADA Gazette that the basis of local funding is under consideration again. Previously maintenance money was local not national, and came from county. More rates meant more work done. It has been forgotten that this was the basis of the LDA.</p>	
<p>11. Maize/ Crops update</p>	<p>MW gave an update on the subcommittee which met to discuss the issues around crops being planted against watercourses. We have consulted with our legal advisors Wilkin Chapman and established that there is a legal claim under Section 14 for loss of crop if we cause damage and we would be liable for a compensation claim. We will need to offset this against the cost of revisits and will have a paper for the next meeting to agree rates.</p> <p>IDS has also received a follow up from Wilkin Chapman confirming that we will need a clear policy on the matter. This will mean that if we have given correct notice of access for maintenance and a landowner still chooses to plant, then they are complicit in the loss. A tribunal would consider this and it would mitigate against the amount of any compensation. Officers will produce wording for the policy and bring back to the meeting.</p> <p>IDS noted that the salient action is to have a policy around compensation.</p> <p>The Chair asked if the policy can say if you aware and still plant, it is your responsibility.</p> <p>IDS explained that at a tribunal a judge would pay significant regards to a compensation policy of notice served and it would substantially mitigate any compensation.</p> <p>MW noted that we serve a generic notice to all landowners. We also track across other land to access viewed rhyes, but we need to be reasonable.</p> <p>DA noted that when he joined the Rivers Authority in 1972, this was an issue then.</p>	
<p>12. Operational & Engineering Reports</p>	<p>12.1 Operations</p> <p>MW updated on Heathgate Rhyne. This is a traveller site and we have been working on the left bank, which is Mr Haraway's land. Historically we have always placed material on that side. We are having difficulty accessing the site making it very difficult to maintain. We have removed debris to landfill as it is contaminated waste to ease the situation with Mr Haraway. The cost is unknown, but likely to be a few thousand.</p>	

A member asked what Mr Penfold thinks. MW advised he has met with Mark Penfold who tries to manage the site as best he can and cleared last year on his side. The difficulties with Mr Haraway and the traveller site should hopefully not recur. An extension boom will be used next year to clear back to the traveller's side.

IDS noted it is difficult but if watercourse is important enough, we need to find a way to look after it.

MW confirmed it is a feed route to the area and needs to be maintained each year.

Dan Thomas (DT) noted this is his ward (Puxton). He is happy to raise the matter with the traveller site owner. MW thanked him for this and asked to meet with him afterwards.

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12.2 Engineering

GO gave an overview across 3 boards showing progress.

Crossmans Hatch is the main project and is critical to the Yatton area. DA has been working on this. We have now applied for an asset improvement fund and been awarded up to £356k Defra funding awarded towards the project. The Board had committed £65k already for a tilting weir. This is a success story. The only main criteria is that the funding needs to be spent by March 26, however there is already a project in place.

DA congratulated Giles for securing the grant, and confirmed that construction started yesterday and will take most of the summer. They are currently working on accesses and the dry weather has helped hugely. There are 2 farmers involved, and he is very optimistic.

The Chair noted that it was fortunate we were ready to go which demonstrated in the application that the project was valid and viable. The Board had previously voted to use money from reserves which is now no longer needed.

GO explained that the recovery grant people will make a site visit in May alongside other boards projects.

Oldbridge River/A373 in Congresbury just upstream of the old road bridge, 4 major banks have been replaced. There are other potential bank slips and we are using winter penn to assess.

There is a new culvert on Broadstone rhyne following 1.7km of desilting works. This was a major blockage. Deposits on banks will be harrowed and reseeded.

Hardmead Rhyne has also been done recently.

12.3 Development Control

VM provided a snapshot of planning applications being dealt with around Banwell at the moment. There will be thousands of houses. The ones to the west of the motorway will drain into the super ponds. We are concerned about the other side of motorway they are all draining to the Banwell and the Walleymead Rhyne which is very small. We are talking to developers and have put in an

objection to the site as a whole, and are asking for a sustainable approach.

Rectory Farm Yatton: we are dealing with the location of the surface water outfall and maintenance, then will be removing our objections.

Land at Congresbury Bridge. Surface water flooding will interfere with maintenance access. The Council may need to improve the junction. Not sure if will be successful at planning. The EA are also worried about access to main river.

Banwell Bypass: Development Control are currently working with Giles looking at a large number of temporary and permanent consents. Pictures were shown of a temporary culvert, a temporary diversion for a rhyne during construction, and of permanent works.

VM showed all the parts that need consent on permanent works to demonstrate the extent of the works. Development Control are concentrating on embankments as a priority and working closely with the developer.

CR asked how we are getting on with the contractor.

GO/VM confirmed they are very helpful and organised.

PB remains concerned about Rectory Farm as it is in the flood plain.

VM noted that the development made it through an appeal so we need to make the best of the drainage.

Two members left the meeting at 16.33

VM was thanked VM for her interesting presentation.

VM noted that they have just received consent application for the Rugby Club at Yatton.

12.4 Environment

Phil Brewin (PBr) update with slides:

Defra Peat projects: 2 undertaken in Parrett and North Somerset using engineering and telemetry. These were chosen as water was not getting to peat in dry times. By reducing leakage they were able to increase capacity to deal with dry periods. The lack of water had been impacting wildlife and farmers.

There is a critical pump built by EA which is always broken; we wanted to use Defra money to design and rebuild. Some work is completed, some is not. ADA think there may be some money available later in the year to complete works. Currently looking to identify infrastructure to complete in peat areas. PB needs project capacity/help from technicians and engineers to complete projects like this.

North Somerset telemetry project across 29 sites conceived and developed by PB. He has sourced a new supplier providing non-contact radar units which need less maintenance. There is still work to be done to operationalise them and work on data, just

needs some technician support to help with the workload. PBr confirmed we do have insurance for telemetry equipment.

Eels have been in decline in recent decades. Sustainable Eel Group has worked with the IDB, and ran a training day for staff and members making and testing eel ropes. Eels are using the passes and structures in place. There are some formal pass projects using funding from Natural England. We have structures for Kewstoke Rhyne and Old Yeo Rhyne which will have new passes. Crossman's Hatch will need a pass as will any new structures to comply with regulations.

Mink was discussed at the AGM using an example of successful mink control in East Anglia. We are looking at the possibility of introducing something similar in Somerset. Water voles are locally rare in North Somerset; mink control would be part of their recovery. Mink is not within the IDB remit, but water voles are. May come back to the board to look at how we might fund and deliver a plan we already have.

There was discussion around previous attempts to eradicate mink.

Invasive species floating pennywort has been controlled well in the past, but we struggled with capacity last year. It has spread into new systems and is very hard to control. The best control is to prevent its spread via machinery. Our contractors have and follow a biodiversity policy. The EA are also talking about species control using new more effective substances.

Beavers have been reported in the area so we are preparing. SWT have done some work on how to manage them which also explains licencing. Phil ran an ADA training day for all IDB ecologists, and he is now qualified and licenced to reduce any impacts.

PBr ran through a list of current topics, most notably Defra's Land Use Framework which is a document on what is required to meet their objectives on housing/nature/carbon. Defra are looking at changes in land use management and carbon and how IDB's fit in, working with local partners. The paper is currently out for consultation and there is a meeting on it this next Tuesday if any members want to attend.

The Chair noted that consultees had landowners and farmers a long way down the list.

PBr felt that the Boards definitely need to try and have influence. There are not currently any landscape recovery schemes in North Somerset, but there are in the Axe Brue and Parrett districts. The schemes are eligible for the highest tier of payments. Landowners can design their own schemes but they are pilot projects.

It was clarified in discussion that these schemes are being steered by nature groups, and their funding is ringfenced.

The Chair asked about a previous proposal about a Moor Association in North Somerset.

	<p>PBr noted that there was a project on peat by North Somerset Council, but nothing further has been heard. He asked councillors to follow this up.</p> <p>John Cato asked if members could have sight of the Defra Carbon Study.</p> <p>PBr advised of a meeting with Defra taking place on Tuesday afternoon and will circulate details. It is important for Defra to see the capabilities of drainage boards.</p>	
13. ADA & SWADA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWADA Spring meeting Weds 7th May, Junction 24 	
14. Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New website is being developed by Maggie and will be available soon. • The Chair asked if there will be individual board areas. • IDS noted it will be as it is now. 	
15. Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and Works Wed 04 June. • Full Board Wed 18 June. <p>Times to be confirmed.</p> <p>The Chair thanked members for their attendance.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 17.08</p>	

NORTH SOMERSET LEVELS BOARD MINUTES

DATED 23 APRIL 2025

NORTH SOMERSET LEVELS BOARD – TABLE OF OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Action Number:	Action:	Actionee:
NSL/20250423 -01	Chair and CEO to discuss/plan Tour of Inspection	IDS/TB/KC
NSL/20250423 - 02	Paper on amalgamation ready ASAP	IDS
NSL/20250423 - 03	MWall to meet with Dan Thomas re traveller site at Heathgate Rhyne/Puxton	MW/DT