

## MINUTES OF THE AXE BRUE FULL BOARD MEETING

Monday 16 June 2025 AT 10.30 IN BRADBURY HOUSE

<b>Attendance:</b>			
<b>Elected Members:</b> Alan Franks Liz Scott Martin Watts Wendy Welland Trevor Whitcombe Andrew Gilling (C) David Tratt	<b>Appointed Members:</b> Nick Cottle Jon Cousins Bob Filmer Hayward Burt Phil Holms Bryan Knickerbocker James Grischeff	<b>Officers:</b> Mr I Sturdy Mr M Wall Mrs C Murray Mrs V Martin Mr P Brewin Mrs K Carleton Mr R King Mrs M Hammond	<b>Public:</b> Helen Gavin Tim Cushnie Steve Lanzon
<b>Approved Apologies:</b>			
Bob Clapp Joe Stradling Mark Lunnon	Cllr Peter Clayton Donna Gowler Margaret Oakden		
<b>Non-Approved Apologies:</b>			
Noel Lukins	Mark Healey Alistair Hendry Roger Keen		

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Description:</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1 Attendance and Apologies	As per register Apologies passed on in the meeting from Mark Lunnon	
2 Items Additional to the Agenda	The Board welcomed Councillor Hayward Burt. The Local Authority have appointed 2 new members. New member Margaret Oaken sent her apologies. Induction for new members will be picked up following elections.  Wendy Welland and Nick Cottle sent their apologies for the SDBC Management meeting on 22 <sup>nd</sup> July. Wendy requested a deputy.  Iain Sturdy (IDS) noted that the last one was not quorate due to the Axe Brue Board, and asked members to please give notice to prevent recurrence.	
3 Declarations of Interest	Martin Watts declared an interest in Tor Rugby Club Liz Scott declared an interest in the Axbridge Moor areas (second reservoir).	

4 Members of the Public	Helen Gavin (Bristol Water), Tim Cushnie (South West Water) and Steve Lanzon (Wessex Water) in attendance to present on proposals for a second reservoir at Cheddar (Item 7).	
5. Minutes	<p>P2 Phil Holms (PH) noted that he is not a Councillor</p> <p><b>“the minutes of the Full Board meeting held on 22 April 2025 are signed as a true and correct record of the meeting held”.</b>  <b>PROPOSED: Phil Holms</b>  <b>SECONDED: Wendy Welland</b>  <b>All in favour</b></p> <p>The Chair signed the mins</p>	<b>RESOLUTION 01</b>
6 Matters Arising	<p>6.1 Martin Watts (MW) asked if the EA pay drainage rates. They own 18m on the North and South Drain.  Maggie Hammond (MH) confirmed that they do pay rates on some areas, but she can check specific areas.  Iain Sturdy (IDS) confirmed that they do own some at Lewis Drove.</p> <p>6.2 Nick Cottle (NC) asked Matt to re-send him some pictures of a post in Glastonbury as previously discussed.  Matthew Wall (MWa) will resend.</p> <p>6.3 James Grischeff (JG) asked whether board could in principle support landholders to deliver the Landscape Recovery project.  IDS explained that the Consortium has a similar challenge in the Parrett. There is a project in progress around water levels which we are being asked to be active partners in. We have said we need more information around aims and objectives to work out if we are regulating or promoting. In principle the Consortium is happy to be helpful, but can't yet say that it is an active partner until there is some more clarity.  It was agreed that JG should we meet with operational staff to see how the detail might work to be able to bring it back to the board. JG and MWa to arrange to meet. JG confirmed their application is with Defra.</p> <p>6.4 REVIEW OF ACTIONS:  <b>AB/20220411 - 1</b> Investment group meeting matter regarding our ethical investment policy. We are in contact with GTC Clerk and progressing.  <b>AB/20250127 - 01</b> Tor Rugby Club: the meeting has taken place, and an update will be provided by Development Control in Item 12.  <b>AB/20250422 - 01</b> Confidential minutes will be signed off at this meeting.  <b>AB/20250422 - 02</b> Use of cameras by contractors has been added to the H&amp;S agenda. Carried forward.  <b>AB/20250422 - 03</b> Signage roadside similar has been added to the H&amp;S agenda. Carried forward.  <b>AB/20250422 - 04</b> Property Subcommittee meeting has taken place, update in Item 9.  <b>AB/20250422 - 05</b> EA maintenance schedule maps will be shared in Item 10.  <b>AB/20250422 - 06</b> Draft Crops Policy is still progressing and requires more work before reconvening the subcommittee. The Solicitor's advice is different to what we had envisaged and we need to balance the question of arisings and consider access as well as banks.  <b>AB/20250422 - 06</b> Kendra Kingston's retirement has been marked with a gift from all 3 boards which was presented at the SDBC Management Committee meeting.  The Chair formally thanked Kendra and wished her a healthy, wealthy and happy retirement.</p>	<p><b>ACTION 20250616-01</b></p> <p><b>ACTION AB/20250616-02</b></p>

	<p>MW asked if the Axe Brue Board could also say thank you in person. Kendra entered the meeting. The Chair thanked Kendra for her time/dedication.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>6.5 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION</b></p> <p>-----</p>	
<p>7 Second Cheddar Reservoir</p>	<p>7.1 Steve Lanzon Director of West Country Water &amp; Environment (WCWE), introduced himself along with Helen Gavin (WCWE Environmental Lead) and Tim Cushnie (WCWE Programme Manager. WCWE Group is conglomeration of South West Water and Wessex Water (incorporating Bristol Water. Steve explained that they were in attendance to give an overview of proposals for a second Cheddar reservoir, and to take questions.</p> <p>In 2018-19 a National Infrastructure Commission study showed that doing nothing nationally would result in a shortage of 5 billion litres of water a day by 2050 despite reducing consumption and leakage. An EA strategy means all water companies need to develop a water resources management plan as a 25 year look-ahead to secure water. The project is one of 3 planned to meet this. The aim is to move surplus water from Bristol Water, through Wessex Water's network to South West Water near Tiverton. The aim is to be able to store surplus water from the winter ready for summer use, then refill in winter.</p> <p>A second Cheddar reservoir is the proposed project to solve part of the problem. There is an abundance of surplus in the Rivers Axe and Cheddar Yeo and Bristol Water have existing extraction licences. A similar project was previously consented in 2014, but for a different need. This reservoir will look the same but the reasoning is new.</p> <p>The surplus water will be abstracted from the River Axe, then pre-treated at Axbridge before being stored in the second reservoir. The abstraction from the River Yeo will be gravity fed through Cheddar town and connect into existing infrastructure and then to the reservoir for storage. A new treatment plant will be created in Axbridge which will connect to both the Bristol Water network (for resilience), and the transfer down to South West Water (to support the Tiverton area).</p> <p>It will be an offset transfer scheme meaning that water in the Wessex network will be sent to Devon, as this is the most suitable way to move water over distance.</p> <p>There has already been some engagement. The project is in the early stages including environmental surveys and scoping. It will be ready for submission this summer followed by public consultation from Autumn 2025 to 2027, with construction looking to start in 2030 for completion in 2035.</p> <p><b>7.2 QUESTIONS:</b></p> <p>Alan Franks (AF) asked how much difference there was to the first proposal in 2014, and how much work would be involved. The reservoir itself is based on the previous proposal, however there have been some engineering and regulatory changes, although nothing substantial.</p> <p>NC asked how many acres will it cover, how much disruption would there be and would any houses be flooded.</p> <p>Steve confirmed the reservoir would be approximately 1km by 1km, and there would be a good deal of disruption with the possibility of 2 properties being affected. The pipeline itself is 80km, so works will be extensive over 4 seasons, with less activity in the winter.</p>	

Hayward Burt (HB) noted that water is finite and asked about the target on stopping leakage, and where else are the reservoirs proposed. Steve confirmed that leakage is something that all water companies have mandatory targets to reduce set by Ofwat. There is another reservoir proposed in the Mendips on a repurposed quarry site. Finding locations for reservoirs is straightforward as geology and topography defines where they can go. Tim noted that a reservoir is no use unless you can fill it, so there must be a sustainable supply.

Bob Filmer (BF) asked if the money is secured this time. Steve said that Ofwat have a different view this time. It is like a Private Finance Investment project with investment for some sections of project. It is critically important and these Strategic Resource Options aim to connect water companies and remove some of the monopolies. Planning is critical and the Government are committed to building reservoirs.

Phil Brewin (PB) queried the abstraction regime and explained that we do have drought/shortages. He asked if there would be any summer abstraction and if there was any mitigation on environmental shortages, specifically regarding rewetting peat.

Helen confirmed they are not proposing to change current licences. Abstraction would cease at a certain water level and would not take place in summer. In terms of water/environment, this is drinking water so the project will come with a large biodiversity net gain requirement. They can't use drinking water to re-wet peat, but there may be opportunities. Last week she was notified of a landowner building a reservoir and wanting to sell the water. This would not be suitable for drinking, but could have other uses. She needs to know where it will be needed for environmental purposes and would like to talk further.

Phil Holms (PH) asked that as the driver is a water resource shortfall, how much will this address the issue.

Steve this is part of a project across multiple sites and supply zones, and will average 13 million litres per day on average additional capacity.

MWall with new ruling giving the capability to draw down 10% per day, what pressure will this put on EA main river and IDB viewed rhine systems, and will funding be available to ensure they can cope with any potential increase in volumes of water.

Steve clarified they will need to produce a planning submission flood study on impact of a dam failure or catastrophic event. A site visit has looked at siphons under the existing reservoir which will need to be considered. The scheme will need to work with the IDB.

Liz Scott (LS) asked of the new main was going to Warminster. She also asked about access routes, as well as how such a large land mass will compensate for flood storage.

Steve confirmed this is historical, the main will now go to Tiverton. They are undertaking traffic surveys, and will build access routes if needed. Currently one quarter of the reservoir overlaps with the flood zone. The project are working with the EA and Natural England to look at how can give back a similar volume. Working through options with the EA and looking at having some wetted areas. This is one of the changes from previous application, as it now needs to be level for level.

David Tratt (DT) declared interest in Fisher German as nephew works for them.

	<p>The Chair asked about the future of Bleadon Sluice and White House Lane pumping unit.</p> <p>Helen explained that Bleadon Sluice is a structure owned by the EA who have no funds and want to remove it. They have been in conversation with Bristol Water, who have funding to remove it. Nothing has happened yet, but a project is being set up to remove it with approval from the EA. White House Lane pumping unit is not a Bristol Water asset.</p> <p>JG noted that over abstraction in the Brue is a problem for peat currently as is water quality, and wondered if this could be an opportunity to support better quality.</p> <p>Helen to liaise with James. There is monthly engagement with Natural England.</p> <p>The chair asked for no further questions, and thanked the visitors for attending.</p>	
<p>8 Environment Report</p>	<p>8.1 Telemetry is managed by PB and income from peat projects last year was invested in new telemetry in North Somerset. The other system being used is ageing and needs maintenance. Work is programmed with funding to train Area Supervisors to install and maintain new remote system telemetry. This will mean managing data from 2 systems plus EA data which will build into the new web page.</p> <p>BF asked if we are we replacing old pressure sensors with radar as they fail.</p> <p>PB notes that both systems have merits, but we would like to manage data better.</p> <p>AF asked how much does it give the ability to adjust/move water in times of flood.</p> <p>PB explained that the system is not forecasting just recording. Area Supervisors use it to inform their work. There is the possibility of using it to automate some structures in the future, but PB would like to make some data more public.</p> <p>8.2 Eel Passes: Lots of work has been done recently with local conservation projects. We have installed structures for eel passage using funding from Landscape Recovery.</p> <p>Trevor Whitcombe (TW) asked if the passes are covered to keep herons out. PB confirmed that some are, but these are hard to maintain. He would like to evaluate them and see if they are the right solution.</p> <p>Funding for telemetry came from Defra peat projects. There will be more projects at end of this year, and PB noted it would be good for the Axe Brue board to try and get some funding opportunity. JG would support this, and feels it needs a strategic approach.</p> <p>8.3 Local Nature Recovery Strategy: This is being led by Somerset Council. PB slide showing dependencies and where IDB fit in to what happening more widely. NR scheme is framework with targets to work up action plans and will identify areas we can contribute to. Any changes will still need consents etc, however we do have duties under the Environment Act and our involvement could bring in funding.</p> <p>PB proposed that The Environment Committee develop a consultation response to the LNRS and asked if the Board are supportive of this.</p> <p>MW asked if people in the area will be consulted. PB explained that a consultation will follow.</p> <p>IDS noted that there is a lot of future thinking going on and the IDB need to be involved in discussions. Plans are being delivered as a statutory</p>	

	<p>requirement and we have to engage, however we work for the board and won't make decisions without the board. We are not committed to anything other than engaging in our legal obligation.</p> <p>PB noted that nature and food production not mutually exclusive.</p> <p>DT asked about the assumption that only 10% is being achieved.</p> <p>PB is also concerned as some areas are not contributing.</p> <p>JG explained there are Defra criteria about what is included in the 10% and is happy to look at outside the meeting.</p> <p><b>To delegate the preparation of the SDBC delivery plan to the Environment Committee and report back to the boards.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed: Jon Cousins</b></p> <p><b>Seconded: Nick Cottle</b></p> <p><b>All in favour</b></p> <p><b>MW abstained.</b></p> <p><b>Resolution carried</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLUTION 03</b></p>
<p>9 Health &amp; Safety Report</p>	<p>9.1 The Health &amp; Safety Report was noted by the board. Working from the Highway to be covered in Operations Report Item 12.2.</p> <p>Naomi is now in her new Finance role, and we are in the process of evaluating and recruiting for the H&amp;S role.</p> <p>9.2 Property Subcommittee Update (Enclosure 4)</p> <p>Proposal to ringfence £200k to cover both immediate works, further works that arise as part of investigations and follow up making good within the property. As a priority: Make good the roof to stop further ingress of water; To look at installing a macerator in the men's WC; Investigation of window frame condition whilst access is in place for works on the roof. Carry out a refurbishment if possible. That a valuation of Bradbury House take place parallel to the works being carried out.</p> <p><b>That £200k within the Boards Free Reserves is ringfenced for maintenance of the Bradbury House building.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed: Nick Cottle</b></p> <p><b>Seconded: Jon Cousins</b></p> <p><b>All in favour</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLUTION 04</b></p>
<p>10 Governance &amp; Business</p>	<p>10.1 Elections for 2025</p> <p>No comments /claims/objections received since register deposited.</p> <p><b>That the Axe Brue Board approve the Electoral Register</b></p> <p><b>PROPOSED: Bob Filmer</b></p> <p><b>SECONDED: David Tratt</b></p> <p><b>All in favour</b></p> <p>10.2 Policy Reviews: Many policies are approaching review dates and some require review, some of which are awaiting a review by ADA. Officers asked the Board how they would like to approach the review of policies.</p> <p><b>That the IDB Officers review policies in-house, with legal advice where there are gaps</b></p> <p><b>PROPOSED: Jon Cousins</b></p> <p><b>SECONDED: Bryan Knickerbocker</b></p> <p><b>All in favour</b></p> <p>10.3 Risk Register: we need to show we are reviewing risk adequately to reassure the Boards on the AGAR question on risk. IDS has scored the risks on the register and went through the top 10 with the board and concluded that the risk profile appears stable and well controlled, with an increasing risk identified around partner organisations reduced funding.</p>	<p><b>RESOLUTION 05</b></p>

	<p>MW asked about lone working staff in the field without trackers. Officers confirmed that solar alert devices are in place, and field staff update the office 3 times per day with their locations.</p> <p>Members and officers recognised the EA lack of maintenance as posing an increased risk. A government spending review has earmarked money for flood risk management, but it is uncertain if this will impact locally. The message is getting though, but additional funding is needed.</p> <p>BF asked for the Risk Paper to be circulated electronically.</p> <p>JG asked that the lack of EA/Defra strategic understanding and clarity on decisions be included in the risk. IDS noted that we need the EA to share how we are supposed to adapt.</p> <p>IDS there is movement on Brue from SRA funding and modelling has taken place. We continue to encourage funding of easier wins rather than the bigger picture.</p> <p>LS asked if Bleadon Sluice is an EA structure. IDS believes it is owned by the EA via an agreement. The EA have approved Bristol Water funding to remove the structure, but Bristol Water have not delivered within timescales. The new reservoir scheme has highlighted the need to review the sluice. Development Control are engaged and will continue to take forward.</p> <p><b>The Board agreed that the risk register management is adequate</b>  <b>PROPOSED: Jon Cousins</b>  <b>SECONDED: James Grischeff</b>  <b>All in favour</b></p> <p>10.4 Maize Policy: MWa has drafted compensation policy. The advice is that there is contradiction in Sections 14 and 15. The policy will also consider access to viewed rhynes and loss of crop, although there have been no claims for loss of crop historically. It will be a joint boards policy for consistency, and will look at claims case by case and apply an appropriate solution. It is a complicated matter and is still being looked at. The Working Group will reconvene before the next Full Board.</p> <p>10.5 Developing Future Objectives for IDB Water Level Management (Vision). IDS explained that there is no up to date policy statement, and it was previously done over 10 years ago, based on an ADA one. We are now being asked to engage in land management initiatives, so we need a statement around our legal obligations. This will need a sub group, but officers will draft something first.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b>  <b>AB/20250616-03</b></p> <p><b>RESOLUTION</b>  <b>06</b></p>
<p>11. Finance Report</p>	<p>11.01 Quarterly Reconciliation of Bank Statements. All reconciled to the end of May.</p> <p>11.2 End-of-Year Financial Reports (Enclosure 5). End of Year (2024/2025) Consortium Financial Report. The Consortium Management Committee met and went through the accounts, asked questions and all were happy. Will be formally voted on in July.</p> <p>11.3 End of Year (2024/2025) Axe Brue Financial Report.  <b>To approve the accounts as recommended at F&amp;W</b>  <b>PROPOSED: Jon Cousins</b>  <b>SECONDED: Wendy Welland</b>  <b>All in favour</b></p> <p>11.4 Annual Governance Statement (AGAR)  <b>To approve the AGAR Statement and respond Yes to all questions as recommended by F&amp;W</b>  <b>PROPOSED: Jon Cousins</b>  <b>SECONDED: Nick Cottle</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLUTION</b>  <b>07</b></p> <p><b>RESOLUTION</b>  <b>08</b></p>

	<p><b>All in favour</b></p> <p>11.5 Accounting Statements (AGAR).  <b>To approve the AGAR Section 2 Return as recommended by F&amp;W</b>  <b>PROPOSED: Jon Cousins</b>  <b>SECONDED: Nick Cottle</b>  <b>All in favour</b></p> <p>11.6 Internal Audit Report (Enclosure 6). This was discussed at F&amp;W and covered plans for Policies and the Risk Register.</p> <p>11.7 Drainage Rates update as per Friday 13/06/25 at £115k. The position is better than this time last year, and there are no concerns. Reminders will be sent in the next couple of weeks.  MW stated that he believes that some court summons were not done legally.  MH clarified that MW's land changes had been investigated and updated as requested.  MW stated he will be billing board members who voted to take action against him.  IDS thanked MW for drawing to this to the Boards' attention.</p>	<p><b>RESOLUTION 09</b></p>
<p>12 Operations &amp; Engineering Report</p>	<p>Members were asked to take the reports as read.</p> <p>12.1 OPERATIONS: MWa confirmed that the contractor maintenance schedule will start and continue weather permitting.  The EA have provided a map of main rivers with red areas showing what will not be done by them. MWa can confirm locations if needed  AF would like a list, officers will share this.  IDS explained that Bob Clapp has advised him that the EA have written to him as a riparian owner and advised that watercourses won't be maintained, however he may maintain them with EA consent.  DT asked if any of the red highlighted watercourses are critical to the IDB. IDS confirmed some are fundamental to the IDB. There is a riparian Initiative by Wedmore PC for the Panborough drain.  NC is concerned about the Brue along Kennet Moor Drove. MWa will look at the list and confirm.  TW shared information from the SRA meeting. He wondered if it is possible to inform farmers along the Brue that they could apply as a group for an SRA grant to cut vegetation. IDS noted that community flood grants will be available at the end of the summer, and yes they could apply. The IDB is not eligible for the grants, but could advise landowners as was done with the Panborough Drain.</p> <p>12.2 MWa updated on working from the highway as per the report. 67km of rhynes are currently maintained from highway which will be reviewed with Area Supervisors. Most will continue as temporary mobile works with some additional manpower which will affect costs and was covered at F&amp;W.  DT asked the cost of a road closure. MWa confirmed it is approximately £2k, with a 3 month notification. Our works are regarded as similar to verge cutting, so we are working in line with this.  AF asked when is the best time for ditch clearing on Sand Drove/ Tealham Moor, as it is overdue and needs desilting. MWa will follow up.  MWa updated on Ivydown Ditch which was reported in April. There has been a silt survey, but there is a difficult landowner and it has been hard to get on site. Work was completed and we have made good the land. He has now put up a fence and left very narrow access. We will not be</p>	<p><b>ACTION AB/20250616-04</b></p> <p><b>ACTION AB/20250616-05</b></p>

able to go in again this year, and will probably come back to the board again this year.  
MW asked if there is any way round. MWa advised there are some options if there were an access gate from the other side, but this would increase cost.  
BF asked if we notify landowners where we are aware that there may be access issues, and if we know it is an important watercourse, do we have the right to take access. MWa advised we always serve at least 7 days notice and try to negotiate. IDS clarified we always act within the law and are more engaged where we know there are issues. The IDB do have the right to take access if needed. We try to take a pragmatic approach. Virginie Martin (VM) asked members to inform officers if they are aware of any access blocked and advise who is landowner.  
MW asked access from the other side and if the landowner would be happy with a gate. MWa advised probably not.

12.3 Rob King (RK) advised members that summer penning is in place in most areas, with some areas held higher where it is dry. 23 structures have been repaired and made safe.  
A new truck has been purchased for NSL, with the old one being made available for the new DAS.  
If there are any issues with levels, please phone the office/Rob to adjust.

12.4 ENGINEERING: Caroline Murray is unexpectedly unavailable. The Board noted the contents of her report.

12.5 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL: Virginie updated on Wessex Water phosphate stripping at Shapwick. The programme has been downsized and is now only one small area south of IDB area, and there will be a new nature reserve. It is a flood plain area where they are digging and surface water run-off is a concern as is the overland flood route. Development Control are looking at the flood risk assessment currently. Kenn Drove will be taken through an overflow. Dev Con are worried they will run the rhyme dry and use as an overspill.  
TW thinks it will be too high. There is not much water up there generally, so is not sure what it will achieve.  
IDS advised that we need to regulate as there is an IDB impact, and we will support where we can.  
PH confirmed the project is in its early stages. There are issues, but Wessex Water will address these. It is outside the existing nature reserve.

Haven Holiday Park: Dev Con have been made aware of an enforcement. The holiday have put a dam across the outfall to hold water level upstream, so there is less in Apex park, and an inflow of water from Burnham. The risk is less storage for rainfall into the site and would delay water getting out. We are looking at getting them to remove the dam.

MWa noted there is an historic issue of unconsented structure/plates on pond which impacted the holiday site. This was their solution. It looks like there is now a bridge, so we need to know the impact. We have asked to be resolved before autumn/winter.  
DT noted it is a low-lying site and has flooded from tidal flow as well in the past.

Tor Rugby Club: VM has met on site with MW. They have looked at flood risk and the culvert which has been cleared as a flood risk was reported upstream. She has talked to the RFC about bank level/overflow. With

	<p>regards the infilled ditch with filter drain, the RFC have said they pump it into the field ditch, but the rate is not known. She is not sure if there is any benefit in doing anything further until after the winter. The alternative is to look at 1980's planning, but there is a £5/600 fee to retrieve and pdf the microfiche.</p> <p>JC suggested checking with GTC. VM confirmed she has already checked with Mendip.</p> <p>NC raised a H&amp;S concern and thought we should remind the RFC to barrier the pond as it looks unsafe. MWA stated we can comment on this on our consent.</p> <p>MW declared an interest, he has land surrounding the site which can be flooded. He feels the ditch has been infilled without consent, that he has not been compensated for loss of storage, and that it causes water in the nearby estate.</p> <p>VM noted there is no record of the pump and what was agreed. The way forward agreed from the site visit was to clear the culvert hoping for more conveyance. The fill ditch holds more water as the banks are higher, and RFC pumping increases water in the field ditch, so we don't yet know the impact.</p> <p>MW stated that on the millstream, GTC have removed the storage area and a businessman is filling it in which has blocked overflow pipe.</p> <p>IDS concluded that regarding Tor Rugby Club we will continue to monitor, get the RFC to put a gauge board in, and the IDB to consider when pumping can occur.</p> <p>JC suggesting raising this with the Clerk (Gerald Tucker) who may be able to advise.</p> <p>12.6 Lewis Drove Investigation (Enclosure 8): John Rowlands has been working with the engineers and produced the report, and has also communicated with Godwins re water levels in ponds. The improvement of Whites Drove will be the quick win.</p> <p>AF commented that until the decoy rhyme is clean, the issues will continue. Movement of water away from the area needs to be critical.</p> <p>JG noted that Mark Bake (reserve manager) has also looked into this from West Hay Moor. There is recognition that SWT own some land too, and they are happy to advise/assist.</p>	
<p>13 Any Other Business</p>	<p><b>13.1 To appoint a new SRA Representative:</b></p> <p><b>For Trevor Whitcombe to act as an Axe Brue representative on the SRA Board.</b>  <b>Proposed: Wendy Welland</b>  <b>Seconded: Liz Scott</b>  <b>All in favour</b></p> <p><b>For Wendy Welland and David Tratt to be deputy Axe Brue representatives on the SRA Board.</b>  <b>Proposed: Liz Scott</b>  <b>Seconded: Martin Watts</b>  <b>All in favour</b></p> <p>13.2 Subcommittee membership</p> <p><b>For David Tratt to be a deputy on the SDBC Management Committee</b>  <b>Proposed: Wendy Welland</b>  <b>Seconded: Bob Filmer</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLUTION 10</b></p> <p><b>RESOLUTION 11</b></p> <p><b>RESOLUTION 12</b></p>

	<p><b>All in favour</b></p> <p><b>For Margaret Oakden to sit on the Health &amp; Safety Subcommittee</b>  <b>Proposed: Bryan Knickerbocker</b>  <b>Seconded: Nick Cottle</b>  <b>All in favour</b></p> <p>Appointments, dates and electoral districts/boundaries to be emailed to members.</p> <p>It was confirmed that existing members will be written to regarding elections.</p> <p>The meeting finished at 13.49</p>	<p><b>RESOLUTION</b> <b>13</b></p> <p><b>ACTION</b> <b>AB/20250616-06</b></p>
<p>14 Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Finance &amp; Works: Monday 20 October 10.30am  Full Board: Monday 3 November 10.30am</p>	

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**AXE BRUE BOARD – TABLE OF OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

Action Number:	Action:	Actionee:
<b>AB/20220411 - 1</b>	Investment group/ethical investment policy. To continue to progress with GTC Clerk and as part of policy review	MH/IDS/KC
<b>AB/20250127 - 01</b>	Tor Rugby club – ask RFC to put in gauge board	VM/MWa
<b>AB/20250616-01</b>	To re-send pictures of a post in Glastonbury to N Cottle	MWa
<b>AB/20250616-02</b>	Operational staff to meet with SWT relandscape recovery strategy	MWa/JG
<b>AB/20250616-03</b>	To share the Risk Paper electronically	IDS/KC
<b>AB/20250616-04</b>	To share list of watercourses that EA not maintaining with members	MWa/KC
<b>AB/20250616-05</b>	To follow up re ditch clearing/desilting on Sand Drove/ Tealham Moor with AF	MWa
<b>AB/20250616-06</b>	Email appointments, dates and electoral districts/boundaries to members	KC