

WYTHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Environment Committee at 11 Northolt Street on Wednesday
14 November 2022

Present - B. Bayley (Committee Chairman)
Members - C. Crouthorn
A. Harman
B. Jones
P. Richardson (Chairman)
A. Tait
P. Skinner

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for non-attendance were received from:
T. Aston

2. ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Committee Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting. The Chief Engineer went through the Environment Report which he would take as read but there were a few things he would put to the committee.

2.1 Wydhampton Action Plan Update (WAP)

The Chief Engineer went through the Board's WAP as set out in the agenda. This was a full report of the WAP actions and their progress in 2022. The Chief Engineer intended to keep this document updated for the next 3 years to enable the Board to keep track of the progress made each year. The target was to show all the achievements over the 3-year period.

The Chairman asked P. Skinner if other people are doing this? P. Skinner replied that it was a pleasure to be on a Board which was so proactive and had recently been on a site visit to the coast with an EA expert. This was excellent as it showed real experiences and kept the environment clean and safe.

The Chief Executive and the Chief Engineer agreed and said that our staff in the district had the benefit of APC Q&C Collector and they were able to log details of any updates on the app which were then visible in the office. The joint-line ecologist had been provided with a spare tablet with the same app and had been asked to record longshore meeting sites etc so that they could continue to be monitored. The Chief Engineer stated that with regard to the environment section this was now much more proactive and he felt comfortable that the Board are well placed to support the environment.

The Chairman added that the estimate put together shows that we are committed to the environment but now we had reached a turning point and needed to consider new benefits.

The Committee Chairman believed that the Board should be publicising what it already does to and then well. The Chief Executive confirmed that the Board's figure in relation to the environment is the largest amongst the Board's. The Chief Engineer was concerned that over the next 3 to 6 years visibility of public bodies managing the environment will increase and he did not want the Board to be found under-performing.

P. Skinner asked what the update was in relation to the moth traps? The Chief