

# Broadland Futures Initiative

## Minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2022

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## Attendees

Marie-Pierre Tighe (Chair)- Broads Authority, Donna Dean- Natural England, Peter Doktor - Environment Agency, Rob Goodliffe- Coastal Partnership East, Kevin Hart- Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Sarah Luff- Norfolk County Council, Charlotte Rivett – Norwich City Council, Gavin Rumsey- Environment Agency, Kylie Moos - Broads Authority (minutes).

## 1. Apologies for absence and welcome

Marie-Pierre Tighe (MPT) welcomed everyone to the remote meeting.

Apologies received from, Giles Bloomfield, Victoria Egan, Philip Pearson, Rob Wise, Kellie Fisher.

## 2. Update of technical work

Peter Doktor (PD) provided an update of technical work.

### **Salinity investigation (Product 17)**

The report is now complete. There was a recommendation to expand salinity data collection in the Broads. Expanding the monitoring network would be beneficial but is beyond the scope of the BFI, however this could be a project for the Environment Agency (EA) and other partners to take forward. PD has started discussions with EA colleagues.

### **Coastal data analysis (Product 18)**

The second draft is due to be shared with the Initiative Project Team (IPT) shortly. The draft includes recommendations for future monitoring which are principally aimed at EA. The EA is reviewing the recommendations. While this review is in progress PD requested that the draft report is not shared outside of the IPT.

### **Appraisal methodology (Product 12)**

A narrated presentation to support the appraisal methodology has been prepared for the Elected Members Forum (EMF) on 29 June. The EMF meeting will be recorded so that the narrated presentation can be shared with the IPT.

### **Contract scope**

Scope for the next phase of technical work, comprising possible flood risk management action identification and appraisal are being finalised.

### **Flood & Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme**

MPT and others met with the Flood & Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme (FCRIP) team on 3 May. The five year project is looking at resilience in Great Yarmouth with other communities and is currently recruiting staff for the management of the project. The programme has a lot of synergies with BFI. PD will be the link between BFI and the FCRIP working group. A further meeting will take place once the staff have been recruited.

### **Hydraulic modelling**

Hydraulic modelling is still being developed. PD shared the three separate components to the modelling:

1. New BFI model, focusing on the rivers in the Broads with fluvial and tidal flood risks. The current model which was developed for BESL is now 20 years old and has limited functionality. The new model can be used at a strategic model by BFI and at an operational level within the EA.
2. New standalone models, including a number of tributaries which come into the Broads. The 12 small tributaries will be modelled separately to the Broadland model.
3. Updated coastal models using new climate change guidance. This will be used to consider coastal overtopping to the overall flood risk.

The BFI model has been extended to include the tidal limit which is the hydrological end for the model. The new models will not change the BFI study area.

### 3. Update on communications and community engagement

Gavin Rumsey (GR) provided an update to the IPT on activities since the last meeting.

Since the last meeting

- Continued work on development of engagement approach and materials for the long listing of potential management actions. To be undertaken in the Autumn as a mix of online and face to face.
- Presented to the Upper Thurne Working Group (UTWG) at Hickling Barn. The group has a wide range of stakeholders.
- BFI Newsletter was published and circulated to stakeholders. The IPT are encouraged to share within their networks.
- BFI meeting at Hemsby – Postponed
- Continued development of an online narrated video/slidepack for EMF members to understand the appraisal methodology ahead of the EMF meeting.

Forward look

- Meeting with Upper Thurne Working Group – Prof Tim O’Riordan and Brian Wilkins of UTWG to discuss the UTWG request of a pilot workshop with the BFI in the autumn.
- Online presentation event to the Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association in the Autumn.
- Potential to have a stand at the consultation for the Broads Authority’s local plan in September.
- Next newsletter to be published end of August.
- Potential meeting with a Boatyard owner who contacted us to discuss BFI.

MPT commented, several Broads Authority members have expressed an interest in BFI. GR suggesting passing on his details to any members who would like to know more about BFI.

Kevin Hart (KH) noted at a recent UTWG meeting two farmers commented that they had not heard of BFI. GR responded, BFI have been presenting to the working group since 2019. Since the meeting GR has been in contact with the Chair of Stalham Farmers club and will contact Rob Wise to discuss raising the awareness of BFI in the farming community.

## 4. Elected Members Forum

The next EMF will take place on 29 June and will be held online. Since the last meeting there have been three new appointments to the Forum including a new Chair. The BFI project team have provided an induction for all new members ahead of the meeting. The new appointments are:

- Cllr Eric Vardy- Norfolk County Council
- Cllr Ian Moncur- Broadland District Council
- Cllr Paul Wells- Great Yarmouth Borough Council

The following agenda items will be presented:

1. Review of the EMF Terms of Reference. Members requested at their last meeting (in September 2021) for the Terms of Reference to be reviewed after six months.
2. Methodology for options appraisal. To agree the proposed approach.
3. Update on engagement activities. Including a forward look at engagement for the next 10-12 months and the pilot workshop for the UTWG.
4. Introduction to the Humber adaptation tool. A further workshop could be set up after the meeting, facilitated by Jacobs, if EMF members are interested.
5. Future meeting dates. The input required from the EMF will increase over the next year. Whilst some decisions may be decided by written procedure, there is likely to be an increase in the frequency of meetings.

Minutes and administrative support for the next meeting will be provided by an administrative officer from the Broads Authority.

## 5. AOB

None of the project sites which have been chosen for Reclaim the Rain fall in the BFI area. An announcement will be sent out later this week. Sarah Luff (SL) offered to present the project at a future IPT meeting.

## 6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Broadland Future Initiative is 15 August 2022 via video conference.

## Summary of progress

Outstanding actions	Meeting date	Assigned to
Set up a meeting with PD to discuss the Coastal Transition Accelerator Programme.	25/04/2022	RG
Contact Mark Ogden regarding surface water flood challenges at Hemsby	25/04/2022	JJ

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Contact RW to discuss BFI understanding and farmers	13/06/2022	GR