

Broadland Futures Initiative

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2022

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Attendees

Mark Johnson (Chair)- Environment Agency, Giles Bloomfield- IDB, Donna Dean- Natural England, Kevin Hart- Norfolk Wildlife Trust, John Jones- Norfolk County Council, Sarah Luff- Norfolk County Council, Gavin Rumsey- Environment Agency, Rob Wise – NFU, Kylie Moos - Broads Authority (minutes).

1. Apologies for absence and welcome

Mark Johnson (MJ) welcomed everyone to the remote meeting.

Apologies received from Julia Beeden, Peter Doktor, Victoria Egan, Rob Goodliffe, Charlotte Rivett, Marie-Pierre Tighe.

2. Update of technical work

Gavin Rumsey (GR) provided an update of technical work.

Coastal data analysis (Product 18)

Responses to Initiative Project Team (IPT) are in progress. Key points to be addressed have been agreed with Jacobs.

Hydraulic modelling

Once the methodology and key data have been agreed work can start on building the new models.

Product 22

Work on longlisting of possible risk management actions (Product 22) to start later this month. The project team have budgeted on the basis of identifying and describing 15 different management actions. These will range across actions that work at different geographical scales and which are in nature both structural (e.g. traditional banks, barriers and pumps etc) and non-structural (e.g. land use planning and flood warning). The public consultation is due to launch January 2023.

SMART objectives (Product 21)

Jacobs have provided methodology for making the agreed objectives more SMART. The February 2023 IPT meeting will be used as workshop for review and finalisation of proposals for final endorsement at the following Elected Members Forum (EMF) meeting.

Activity schedule

Jacobs developing an activity schedule for screening the longlist of possible risk management actions to a shorter list for detailed appraisal.

Comments

Rob Wise (RW) noted the importance of modelling data and its impact on the long listing of management actions and requested that proposals are shared as soon as possible with the IPT. There is only one IPT meeting in December before the public consultation begins in January. MJ

requested that longlisting of possible risk management actions is added as an agenda item for the December IPT meeting. GR added, there is flexibility in the schedule to push back the public engagement in January if needed.

3. Update on communications and community engagement

GR provided an update to the IPT on activities since the last meeting

- The tenth edition of the BFI Newsletter was published early September. The next edition is due January 2023.
- Online presentation event to the Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association (NSBA) confirmed for 3 November. 45 NSBA members have signed up to the hour long virtual village hall style event.
- Audience with Stalham Farmers Club arranged for early 2023.
- Potential to present at NFU branch meeting late 2022/early 2023.
- BFI material was shared at the Norfolk and Suffolk Coast and Estuary Conference this month.

Key points in the near future.

The Upper Thurne Working Group have invited BFI to host a bespoke all-day event at Hickling Barn on Thursday 24th November. The UTWG has offered to use the full extent of its network to ensure a strong mix of interests are represented on the day.

There will be a mix of group and individual activities supplemented by presentations from the BFI team. The day will cover a range of topics including long listing potential flood risk management actions, and weighting of objectives.

This will supplement online and other engagement activities planned for the long listing of FCRM options. This is now due to begin early 2023.

Comments

- RW suggested BFI present at the NFU branch meeting once the consultation has been launched.
- Timings have not yet been announced for the UTWG event. Giles Bloomfield (GB) recommended sending the formal invite with timings as soon as possible for best attendance.
- BFI were asked to present to the Great Yarmouth Environment Committee on 13 September however the meeting was postponed because of the Queens funeral. The presentation will be given at a future meeting.

4. Elected Members Forum

The next EMF will take place on 18 January 2023 and will be held online. The remaining 2023 meetings have been confirmed as below:

- Tuesday 4 April 2023 2.00-3.30pm
- Monday 10 July 2.00-3.30pm
- Monday 9 October 10.00-11.30am

Since the last meeting there have been two new appointments to the Forum. The new appointments are:

- Cllr Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro - Suffolk County Council
- Cllr Fran Whymark - Broadland District Council

5. Proposed meeting dates 2023

IPT members agreed to the following IPT dates for 2023.

Date	Time	Location
Monday 20 February 2023 (workshop)	12.00-5.00pm	Broads Authority Offices
Monday 20 March 2023	11.00-12.30pm	Online
Monday 19 June 2023	11.00-12.30pm	Online
Monday 7 August 2023	11.00-12.30pm	Online
Monday 25 September 2023	11.00-12.30pm	Online
Monday 4 December 2023	11.00-12.30pm	Online

6. AOB

None.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Broadland Future Initiative is 12 December 2022 via video conference.

Summary of progress

Outstanding actions	Meeting date	Assigned to
Add longlisting of possible risk management actions proposal to the December IPT agenda	17/10/2022	KM