

Broadland Futures Initiative

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2022

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Attendees

Mark Johnson (Chair)- Environment Agency, Peter Doktor - Environment Agency, Victoira Egan- National Trust, Nathan Harris- South Norfolk District Council/Broadland District Council, Rob Goodliffe- Coastal Partnership East, John Jones- Norfolk County Council, Charlotte Rivett – Norwich City Council, Kylie Moos - Broads Authority (minutes).

1. Apologies for absence and welcome

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

Apologies received from, Giles Bloomfield, Donna Dean, Kevin Hart, Gavin Rumsey, Marie-Pierre Tighe.

2. Update of technical work

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

Coastal data analysis (Product 18)

The second draft has been shared with the IPT and comments have been received from Coastal Partnership East, National Trust and RSPB. We will be reviewing the comments in the next few weeks to determine the key points to respond to.

Hydraulic modelling

Progress is being made on the new BFI model, standalone models and updated coastal models.

EMF

The Elected Members Forum (EMF) have agreed the methodology for the options appraisal. The approval allows for the next stage of technical work to commence.

Starting in January 2023, EMF meetings will be held quarterly to allow members to input into the next phase of technical work.

Product 21 & Product 22

Jacobs are preparing for the start of making objectives SMART (Product 21) and longlisting of possible risk management actions (Product 22).

Public engagement

Public engagement for the long list of options will be in early 2023.

SMART objectives

It is envisaged the Initiative Project Team (IPT) will be able to provide input to making the objectives SMART at the December IPT meeting.

State of the UK Climate 2021

The [State of the UK Climate 2021](#) report has now been published. Since 1991-2020 the climate change related sea level rise measured at Lowestoft has been 3.9mm per year, rising to 4.2mm per year when including land movement from the last ice age.

The Met Office have also reported on the [Mean UK temperature by year](#). 2021 was the 18th warmest on record (since 1884).

The hot, dry summer that the UK is currently experiencing has focused people's attention to climate change and is a good time to engage with stakeholders.

Rob Wise (RW) noted that NFU are bracing themselves for possible flash flooding based on trends over recent years and the current ground condition. Water management and water resources should influence the BFI together with flood management. Water could be stored for times of drought with the correct infrastructure. PD agreed that BFI is looking in solutions that have benefits wider than flood risk.

3. Update on communications and community engagement

PD provided an update to the IPT on activities since the last meeting.

- BFI Progress Newsletter to be circulated end of this month- with a focus on sharing an update on EMF's agreement for the appraisal approach.
- The BFI newsletter is open to contributions from BFI partners.
- Online presentation event to the Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association confirmed for 3rd November – hour long virtual village hall style event to its members.
- Potential to have a stand at the consultation for the Broads Authority's local plan consultation in September.

UTWG

The Upper Thurne Working Group (UTWG) 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.

RW queried if the event is taking place too early with the long list of options not due to start until early 2023. MJ responded, it is still beneficial to work closely with UTWG at this stage and both parties will benefit from the event.

Gavin Rumsey (GR) will be approaching IPT members to help with facilitating the table groups on the day. IPT members noted that it can be difficult to keep people engaged for a full day of workshopping. A shorter workshop may allow more stakeholders to attend.

4. Elected Members Forum

Cllr Eric Vardy chaired the BFI EMF meeting on 29th June 2022. The following items were agreed:

- It was agreed to continue the meeting under the current EMF Terms of Reference pending Great Yarmouth’s review of the terms at the next meeting.
- Members agreed the proposed methodology for the identification and appraisal of potential strategic flood risk management actions.
- Members agreed to meet quarterly from January 2023, with the first meeting to be held in person.
- Members were introduced to the Humber adaption tool and agreed that it would be a useful tool. Marie-Pierre Tighe (MPT) was requested to contact the Chair a month before the next EMF meeting to see if they would like to take the proposal forward.

RW queried if upcoming farmer events have been included in engagement updates. GR was requested to contact RW for a farming engagement update.

5. AOB

BFI IPT meetings are scheduled for two hours; however, they are frequently shorter than the allotted time. A later start time of 11.00am- 12.30pm was proposed. Kylie Moos (KM) agreed to update future calendar invites.

BFI have been asked to present to the Great Yarmouth Environment Committee on 13 September. Rob Goodliffe (RG) recommended sending a draft of the presentation and the proposed duration to the Great Yarmouth leadership team by the end of the week.

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Broadland Future Initiative is 17 October 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
Contact EMF Chair re Humber adaption tool before the next EMF meeting	15/08/2022	MPT
Contact RW to discuss upcoming farming events and engagement	15/08/2022	GR
Move the start time for future IPT meeting to 11am	15/08/2022	KM

