

Minutes of the 43rd meeting of the Board of the Aire Rivers Trust on 30/05/2018 at the St. Hugh's Centre, Baildon.

In Attendance:

G Roberts (Chair)
J Whaley (Secretary)
B Lerner
K Sunderland

R Hellowell (observer)
N Milsom (Staff)
S Watts (Staff)

Apologies were received from B Edwards, M Penny, W Robinson, D Vine and R Kipling (EA).

1. Minutes of the meeting of 11/04/2018

The minutes were agreed as a fair record of proceedings. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

2. Chair's Report

ACCP

GR advised members that ACCP had decided to split evenly the 2018/19 funding including any 2017/18 balance (after setting aside up to £3000 to meet ART cost of administration of meetings and a small contingency) to allow the two Trusts to focus on the National Success Measures for CaBA. For ART that was expected to be around £7000. GR had outlined the NSMA criteria in a previously circulated report on Strategic Priorities (See below).

The ACCP revised Actionable Plan was due for launch in late June.

Strategic (Medium Term) Priorities

GR, BL and NM had agreed a brief report bringing together three key priorities and linking same to the funding of NM's non- Stewardship work.

Effectively, the bulk of the ART CaBA funding would be used to towards NM's salary (as administrator) in order to meet those priorities being:

- Embedding ART with YWS as a preferred supplier
- Active involvement in the New Rules for Farming
- Natural Flood Management

Further background to these items was included in the report.

A potential benefit to this approach would be to retain more of ART's unreserved funds as compared with the broad assumptions made in the earlier Board decision on funding paid staff.

Water Environment Grant (WEG)

YWT had submitted a bid for a 'Better Becks' project (aka Middle Aire Tributaries) including ART and the Wild Trout Trust as delivery partners.

3. FoBB

BL reported that some activity re improvements in Canal Road was now under active discussion with £40k set aside by the EA for opening up the Beck but Bradford Council support had not yet been specified. FoBB was looking into working on a sculpture initiative in conjunction with Brick Box Ladies.

4. Bradford Stewardship

NM outlined extensive contacts and activities.

JW suggested and it was agreed that detailed activity reports should be presented by NM and SW as formal attachments to the minutes in lieu of presentation in the minutes themselves including for these minutes.

5. DNAire

GR indicated that ARTs input was progressing well with the main contract for which ART was responsible due to be let at the end of the week.

EA had experienced obstacles in the letting of the contract for design and construction of the fish passes but still expected to meet both deadline and price.

GR advised that the next major phase in the project was fundraising with ART focussing on smaller sources including those with charitable status.

SW outlined his work on the survey with over 500 responses made and the engagement of a consultant to formulate a plan of action based on the survey (see 4. Para 2 above re detailed report).

6. Invasive Species

KS advised the Board that progress had been made on Giant Hogweed eradication in the Bradford area.

7. Environment Agency Report

No report in RK's absence.

8. Finance

JW circulated his report and pointed out that the ACCP funding to the Friends of the River Worth (£500) had been transferred. There were no matters arising.

8. Website

Nothing to report.

9. Data

It was noted that SW had emailed a paper on the use of social media but a policy was yet to be formulated.

The impact of the new GDPR regulations was briefly discussed and the contribution of NM and WR to the issue was appreciated.

It was agreed in line with GDPR regulations that BL be designated Data Controller and NM be designated Data Protection Officer with immediate effect.

BL undertook to prepare a Privacy Policy to be discussed and agreed at the next meeting of the Board as set out below.

10. Trustee Recruitment

GR expressed the hope that Anne Healey might agree to attend the Board as an observer

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday 25th July 2018 at St Hugh's Centre, Baildon.at 7.30pm