

RIVER DEBEN ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting Monday February 24th 2025 at 6.30pm
at Southfields, Fayrefield Rd, Melton

1.	<p>Present: Colin Nicholson (Chair), Liz Hattan (Vice-Chair), Caroline Peeke (Secretary), Moray MacPhail (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), Sue Orme, Matt Lis, Robert Brinkley, Anna-Marie Sellon, Tony Carter</p> <p>Apologies: Tristan McConnell, Jane Haviland, Ben Grundy, Julia Jones</p>	Action
2.	<p>New Declarations of Interest: None</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the meeting of 6th January 2025 : The actions were reviewed and the minutes were approved.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising: None</p>	
5.	<p>Treasurer and Membership Update (MM): MM had circulated accounts and membership report– all in good order. Kathryn Cooper has approved the annual accounts and agreed to review them next year Metro Bank and HTB accounts now in use.</p>	
6.	<p>AGM preparation (ALL) Will be at Woodbridge Community Centre. Glasses ordered, refreshments will be arranged once there is an idea of numbers CN to set up Eventbrite event There will be 2 updates to the constitution to be approved at the AGM, one to make it clear the RDA has no political affiliations and the other to clarify financial governance. Whilst there is no practical change to financial procedures, clarifications were required to open the Metro Bank account. Following are up for re-election Sue Orme Following have been coopted since last AGM Robert Brinkley Tony Carter Following Officers due for re-election Membership Sec – Moray MacPhail</p>	<p>CP CN</p> <p>CN</p>
7.	<p>Magazine, RDA Journal and Website: (JJ) Magazine will be ready for distribution w/c March 3rd Cost of sign for Lady Alice Kentis will be £50-£100 Woodbridge museum has expressed an interest in being involved with the wording of the sign. Need to work out how to progress this</p>	JJ/CP
8	<p>Jet Ski Updates A survey regarding river use is currently being tested by committee members before distributing it ESC Cabinet Member for Planning and Coastal Management supports measures that will help improve compliance with Deben Estuary Bylaws</p>	CN/AMS

9.	Report from the Nature and Conservation Sub-Committee: (CN/LH) Map of tank emptying facilities, public toilet and shower facilities on the river so gaps are visible and can be discussed with Anglian Water – in progress SWT Riverfly Monitoring – No change. Flooding/weather means monitoring not currently possible Discussion re creating signs explaining brown river foam, to be posted close to river – to be followed up at next meeting Fish Survey – Complete Otter Survey – No Change Plastic Prevention – No Change	CN ALL
10.	Planning Update: (SO) No formal planning application has been submitted yet for the old Suffolk Coastal Council office site. Upper Deben solar farm – No update	
11.	RDA representations on other committees (DEP/ESCP): (CN) Recover the Deben and Deben Climate Centre have each secured funding to improve Deben and local rivers	
12.	RDA Structure and Roles – carried forward	
13.	Silt – Woodbridge Boatyard MMO submission Consultation closed, awaiting results.	
14.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibility of RDA promoting itself via articles in local free magazines. CN to discuss with TM – carried forward • Need to keep a watching brief on the changes to nutrient neutrality legislation • proposed Oyster Farm on N shore Near Shottisham Creek. – watching brief to see whether this progresses • Discussion re possibility of RDA sponsoring a Deben colouring book. MM to discuss with Claudia Myatt • RDA to have stall at Ambient music event on March 22nd • Regatta is June 29th – need to discuss at next meeting 	CN MM CN ALL
15.	Next meeting Committee meeting: Mon Mar 31st , venue Southfields IP12 1NX AGM –April 30 th - Woodbridge Community Centre	