

Committee Meeting Wednesday May 14th, 2025 at 6.30pm
at Southfields, Fayrefield Rd, Melton

1.	Present: Colin Nicholson (Chair), Liz Hattan (Vice-Chair), Caroline Peeke (Secretary), Moray MacPhail (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), Matt Lis, Robert Brinkley, Apologies: Tristan McConnell, Jane Haviland, Julia Jones, Sue Orme, Tony Carter, Anna-Marie Sellon, Ben Grundy,	Action
2.	New Declarations of Interest: None	
3.	Minutes of the meeting of 31st March 2025 : The actions were reviewed and the minutes were approved.	
4.	Matters Arising: None	
5.	Treasurer and Membership Update (MM): MM had circulated accounts and membership report– all in good order.	
6.	Events AGM Review Inn future need to remind members that the draft minutes from previous AGM are on the Website via Bits ‘n’ Bobs Regatta Matt will find space for RDA stall in the Woodbridge Boat yard. Agreed we should buy big tin of sweets or chocolates to attract attention and interest to the stall. Autumn Talk, Provisionally Nov 12th We still need an Events Manager – any suggestions as to who?	AMS ML
7.	Magazine, RDA Journal and Website: (JJ) MM to crosscheck membership list for riverside clubs and associations and contributors to News from the Hards to see whether there are any that are not members and thus do not receive magazine. Suggestions for next magazine are welcome (even if you have suggested them previously) - deadline is 31.8.2025 Following projects ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting Deben churches, some routes have now been tested. • Register of old boats on the Deben. Cost of sign for Lady Alice Kenlis 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	MM ALL JJ/CP
8	Deben Colouring Book CM has sent some sample pages which were well received. Still hope it will available in time for Woodbridge Regatta.	
9	Jet Ski Updates Website update on survey can be found here (link) and survey questions/answers and detailed conclusions (link). Amendments to	

	<p>byelaws have been circulated for comments. There next step will be a meeting with East Suffolk Council.</p> <p>There are also ongoing discussions re Go Slow buoys at Felixstowe Ferry</p>	RB/CN
10.	<p>Report from the Nature and Conservation Sub-Committee: (CN/LH)</p> <p>Phosphate stripper to be installed at Rendlesham water treatment plant by September</p> <p>SWT Riverfly Monitoring – Monitoring has restarted and there is a new volunteer</p> <p>Agreed that we should create a poster regarding brown foam and that it needs to be attention grabbing and the wording would need to be agreed with the EA.</p> <p>MM to ask Riverside Trust whether we can use the noticeboard outside the Longshed.</p> <p>Fish Survey – Complete</p> <p>Otters – There's a new Otter camera and CN to write to Deben Otter Group to see whether they need more</p> <p>Plastic Prevention – No Change</p>	MM
11.	<p>Planning Update: (SO)</p> <p>No formal planning application has been submitted yet for the old Suffolk Coastal Council office site.</p> <p>Upper Deben solar farm – No update</p>	
12.	<p>RDA representations on other committees (DEP/ESCP): (CN)</p> <p>There continues to be some progress on Flood Cell 1</p>	
13.	RDA Structure and Roles – carried forward	
14.	<p>AOB</p> <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 • JJ has a session at Felixstowe book Festival which she would be pleased to see RDA people at https://felixstowebookfestival.co.uk/events/julia-jones-stars-to-steer-by 	<p>CN</p> <p>LH</p> <p>ALL</p>
16.	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Committee meeting: Weds July 2nd, venue TBC</p> <p>Autumn Talk – Nov 12th</p>	