

Agenda

Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) Board Meeting

3.00pm – 4.30pm, Friday 17 March 2023

at Junction 24, Market Way, North Petherton, TA6 6DF

Members of SRA Board:

Cllr Mike Stanton - *Chair*, Somerset County Council (SCC)
Tony Bradford - *Vice-Chair*, Parrett Internal Drainage Board (IDB)
Emma Baker, Environment Agency (EA)
Cllr Mike Caswell, Sedgemoor District Council (SDC)
Cllr Dixie Darch, Somerset West & Taunton Council (SWTC)
Cllr Sarah Dyke, South Somerset District Council (SSDC)
Cllr Andrew Gilling, Axe Brue IDB
Rebecca Horsington, Parrett IDB
David Jenkins, Wessex Regional Flood & Coastal Committee
Cllr Matt Martin, Mendip District Council (MDC)
Claire Newill, Natural England
Trevor Whitcombe, Axe Brue IDB

In Attendance:

Doug Bamsey, SDC
Michele Cusack, SCC
David Mitchell, SRA
Peter Paddon, SSDC
Jonathan Stevens, SWTC
Iain Sturdy, Somerset Drainage Boards Consortium
Ian Tier, SCC
Haylee Wilkins, MDC

Apologies:

Dr Rachel Burden, EA
Jeff Fear, Axe Brue IDB

AGENDA

Item No	Title	Purpose	Lead
1.	Apologies for absence	Clarification	Chair
2.	Declarations of Interest	Transparency	Chair
3.	Minutes of previous meeting 3 March 2023	To agree accuracy	Chair
4.	Public Question Time	To allow the public to ask questions	Chair
5.	Key project update	River Sowy-King's Sedgemoor Drain Enhancements Scheme. To consider the report and recommended next steps.	David Mitchell / Emma Baker
6.	SRA Enhanced Programme Development 2024-25	To consider opening up the SRA grant giving process to a wider set of organisations.	David Mitchell
7.	Any other business (AOB)	Please notify the Chair of AOB in advance of the meeting	Chair
Next meeting: 16 June 2023			

Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) GUIDANCE NOTES

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For further information about the meeting, please contact Somerset Rivers Authority on (01823) 355111 or email sra@somerset.gov.uk

This meeting will be open to the public and press.

The venue has a public car park.

The agenda, reports and background papers are available on request prior to the meeting in large print, Braille, audio tape & disc and can be translated into different languages. They can also be accessed via Somerset Rivers Authority's website on www.somersetiversauthority.org.uk/meetings



1 Inspection of Papers

Any person wishing to inspect reports or the background papers for any item on the agenda should contact Somerset Rivers Authority on 01823-355111 or email sra@somerset.gov.uk. Papers can also be accessed at www.somersetiversauthority.org.uk/meetings

2 Notes of the Meeting

Details of issues discussed, and decisions taken at the meeting, will be set out in the Minutes, which the Board will be asked to approve as a correct record at its next meeting. In the meantime, details of decisions and draft minutes will be available on the SRA website seven days after the meeting has taken place:
www.somersetiversauthority.org.uk/meetings

3 Public Question Time

At the Chair's invitation, you may ask questions and/or make statements or comments about any matter on the Board's agenda. You may also present a petition on any matter within the Board's remit. The length of public question time will be no more than 30 minutes in total.

A slot for Public Question Time is set aside near the beginning of the meeting, after the minutes of the previous meeting have been signed. However, questions or statements

about any matter on the agenda for this meeting may be taken at the time when each matter is considered at the Chair's discretion.

If you wish to speak at the meeting, or submit a petition, then you will need to submit your statement or question in writing to Somerset Rivers Authority by 5pm on Wednesday 15 March 2023. Email sra@somerset.gov.uk

You must direct your questions and comments through the Chair. You may not take direct part in the debate. The Chair will decide when public participation is to finish. If there are many people present at the meeting for one particular item, the Chair may adjourn the meeting to allow views to be expressed more freely.

If an item on the agenda is contentious, with a large number of people attending the meeting, a representative should be nominated to present the views of a group.

An issue will not be deferred because you cannot be present at the meeting.

Remember that the amount of time you speak will be restricted normally to three minutes only.

4 Access and Attendance

The Board meeting at South Somerset District Council is open to the public and press but there is limited capacity for health and safety reasons.

The venue has free parking.

The venue has a maximum capacity and cannot be exceeded. If numbers attending exceed capacity, then priority will be given to those who have registered to speak at Public Question Time and thereafter admittance will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

5 Hearing Aid Loop System

To assist hearing aid users, the venue is fitted with a hard of hearing loop system. This works in conjunction with a hearing aid in the T position. If you require assistance on the day then officers will be happy to assist.

6 Emergency Evacuation Procedure

The emergency evacuation procedures are displayed on notices throughout the venue.

7 Recording of meeting

Somerset Rivers Authority supports the principles of openness and transparency, it allows filming, recording and taking photographs at its meetings that are open to the public providing it is done in a non-disruptive manner. Members of the public may use Facebook and Twitter or other forms of social media to report on proceedings and a designated area will be provided for anyone who is wishing to film part of or all of the proceedings. No filming or recording will take place when the press and public are excluded for that part of

the meeting. As a matter of courtesy to the public, anyone wishing to film or record proceedings is asked to provide reasonable notice to Somerset Rivers Authority so that the Chair can inform those present at the start of the meeting.

We ask that, as far as possible, members of the public aren't filmed unless they are playing an active role such as speaking within a meeting and there may be occasions when speaking members of the public request not to be filmed.

Somerset Rivers Authority makes audio recordings of Board meetings in order to have verbatim records of what was discussed. A copy of the Recording of Meetings Protocol should be on display at the meeting for inspection, alternatively contact Somerset Rivers Authority in advance.