

Meeting

ICE Reservoirs Committee Minutes

Date Thursday 11th February 2021
Time 14.00 - 17.30
Venue MS Teams
Chair Richard Coackley

Panel members

Sub-Committee 1

Chris Scott (Chair)
David Brown
Tom Wanner
Martin Airey
Anthea Peters

Sub-Committee 2

Kenneth Barr (Chair)
Keith Gardiner
Matthew Hill
Andrew Kirby
Jeremy Benn

Hazel Durant – Defra
Claire Dodd – Scottish Government
Mark Stranaghan - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Quentin Campbell - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Matt O’Brien – Natural Resources Wales
Tony Deakin – Environment Agency
Mary McKeown – Department of Infrastructure, NI

By Invitation

Jonathan Hinks
Jan Kiernan – Defra

Apologies

Christopher Curry – Welsh Government
Lowri Norrington-Davies – Welsh Government
James Ashworth – SEPA
Shaun Donnelly – Department of Infrastructure NI
Jeremy Parr – Natural Resources Wales

Summary of Applications in February 2021

New Applications

8 new applications were submitted to the Supervising Engineers Panels this cycle.

7 Supervising Engineer applicants have been recommended for appointment; 5 of which have been appointed in England, 2 in England and Wales.

Re-applications

6 re-applications were made to the Supervising Engineers Panels and 3 re-applications were made to the All Reservoirs Panel.

3 All Reservoirs Panel re-applications have been recommended for re-appointment to England, Wales and Scotland.

6 Supervising Engineers Panel re-applications have been recommended for re-appointment and; 3 of which are re-appointed to England, Wales and Scotland, 2 to England and Wales and 1 to Scotland.

Item No.	Part 2	Action
2106	Legislative changes and jurisdictional impacts	
	<p>Update on current legislative situation in each of the jurisdictions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. England – Hazel Durant <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work on the emergency on-site flood plans is expected to be concluded shortly – no final date confirmed. The direction is on owners to rely on supervising engineers for emergency flood plans. The direction will apply across all levels of at risk reservoirs not just those designated as high. b. Work is still ongoing in respect of Small Raised Reservoirs (SRRs) being brought within the regulatory framework. c. HD suggested a separate meeting to discuss recommendations from the Toddbrook Review once the report is published in March/April. II. Scotland - Claire Dodd <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. No further updates except that issues are being prioritised and addressed in order of priority. III. Northern Ireland - Mary McKeown <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A Transfer of functions Order is being progressed to transfer statutory responsibility for the Reservoirs Act (NI) 2015 to the Department for Infrastructure. Once transferred the Minister will consider the secondary legislation required to commence and implement the Act. IV. Wales - Matt O’Brien <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. No update on legislation although the Toddbrook report may have bearing on future changes. b. A strategic review is being carried out on charging schemes including how to recognise good performance - proposed implementation in April 2022. 	
2107	Reports	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. British Dams Society (BDS) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A written report was provided by the BDS Committee as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met on 11 January 2021. • A financial review was conducted in light of the loss of income from the 2020 conference. The decision is not to increase subscriptions 	

	<p>at the present time as the finances remain robust.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Littlemore was elected by the committee as the new Chair with effect from the AGM in April. • Rachel Davies was elected as the new Vice-Chair with effect from the AGM in April. • Andrew Pepper was elected to the committee as the new editor of Dams and Reservoirs. • There are eight positions to be filled at the upcoming committee elections as well as YP committee places. • The BDS completed a survey of the membership – results will be published in Dams and Reservoirs. • Peter Mason will be made an honorary member at the March evening meeting. • The BDS/ReSRAG/ICOLD research pages are live on the BDS website. • The Supervising Engineers’ Forum is still planned for September (subject to any restrictions). <p>b. AP is no longer the editor of the BDS committee. RC thanked AP on behalf of the reservoirs committee for her contributions and support.</p> <p>II. Reservoir Safety Research Advisory Group (ReSRAG) Alan Warren provided the minutes of the last ReSRAG meeting held in January 2021 – these were circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.</p>	
2108	<p>Operation of The Act – Section 10(3)(b)</p>	
	<p>Implementation of maintenance measures KG had asked for the non-enforcement of maintenance measures by the EA to be discussed at the committee meeting.</p> <p>TD stated that the EA does enforce maintenance to a point but the powers on maintenance are limited. However, the measures are changing with more alignment to safety. Further consideration will be taken from the Toddbrook report and Section 10. MO’B stated the law in Wales was similar to the EA in this respect.</p>	
2109	<p>Toddbrook review – Part B</p>	
	<p>The final date of publication is still to be confirmed but envisaged March/April. A Task and Finish Group has been set up. Both RC and Alan Warren are members and have provided their comments.</p>	



	<p>DB has valued discussions and feedback from this committee as well as the wider industry.</p> <p>RC stated that reservoir engineer numbers are currently good but we will need to consider how to increase numbers and mentor Supervising Engineers for progression to Inspecting Engineers.</p>	
2111	Any Other Business	
	RC thanked all the committee members, knowing how much voluntary work goes into committee duties.	
	Future meeting dates: 3 rd June 2021 7 th October 2021	

