



Minutes

North of Tyne FLAG

4 pm, Monday, 18th March 2019

Belsay Meeting room, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF

Present:-

Alex Wallace (AW) (Chair)
Michael Bould (MB) (Vice Chair)
Louise McCreery (LM) (Minute Taker)
Julia Aston (JA)
James Evans (JE)
Neil Robinson (NR)
Andy Dixon (AD)

Alan Horn (AH)
Peter Dade (PD)
Simon Baxter (SB)
David Baird (DB)
David Shiel (DS)
Katy Barrett (KB)
Natalie Wallace (NW)

1. Apologies:-

Alexander Ritchie (AR)
Ed Tame (ET)
Nik Hanlon (NH)
Robert Oliver (RO)

Daniel Wise (DW)
Sarah Douglas (SD)
Paul Robinson (PR)
Dennis Osborne (DO)

Non Attendance:-

Catherine Scott (CS)
David Gair (DG)
Brian Burdis (BB)

Ian Riches (IR)
Mike Hardy (MH)

2. Welcome & introductions – (all)

Action

AW welcomed everyone to the North of Tyne FLAG meeting. The meeting started with a 'round the table' introduction of the members.

3. Declaration of interests and register update - all

NW declared an interest in the NIFCA variation and agreed to take no part in the discussion.

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JA declared an interest in the ALIVE variation and agreed to take no part in the discussion.

4. Actions from previous meeting (14th January 2019)

Draft Letter for consideration for the next FLAG meeting - Action: SB will issue letter this week to Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Anne-Marie Trevelyan, MP for Berwick upon Tweed; Hilary Florek, MMO Chair; Andrew Pascoe, National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations; Stephen Bolt, Chief Executive of the Association of Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities and others.

SB

UK FLAG Co-operation Project. - No further update since the last meeting

The previous minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

5. Update on progress to date (SB) - written & verbal

SB updated the members on the FLAG's progress.

i) Expressions of Interests in development:

- Cas Par Cas refrigerated van, to be voted on.

ii) Twenty-seven applications have been received to date. Ten projects are now complete:

- North Sunderland Harbour Commissioners installation of three quayside davits
- FV Amadeus cold storage
- FV Sweet Promise external housing unit for cold storage
- Beadnell Harbour rock armour
- Larry's Fish Cakes frying line
- Seaview Fisheries ice machine and fish skinner
- River Tweed Wild Salmon processing unit.
- FV Harvest Dawn cold storage
- FV Aquarius onboard ice machine
- Warkworth Harbour davit and fuel pump

iii) There are seven approved projects in various stages of completion:

- Warkworth Harbour Commissioners storage units

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- Port of Blyth davits and cold storage
- Northumberland Seafood Centre crab boiler, fish smoker
- FV Osprey fish hold chilling system
- Port of Blyth Flying the Flag
- Food Nation seafood street food trainee programme
- NIFCA brown crab project

iv) Seven full applications at various stages of development:

- North Shields Fish Quay company ice machine
- Cullercoats Harbour infrastructure improvements
- Berwick Harbour fisherman's shelter
- Alliance Fish cold storage unit
- Larry's Fish Cakes scampi line
- North Sunderland Harbour Commission steps
- Riley's Fish Shack western quay

Core EMFF programme: Twenty projects totalling £415,000 (£299,000 grant funding expected to be awarded) have been signposted to the Core EMFF funding with varying levels of assistance provided.

Port of Blyth Fishermen's Storage Units & Decking: This project has been transferred to EMFF Core Funding to reduce FLAG project overspend to a more manageable level.

AW asked the Board if they would grant permission to undertake the Full Application procedure by email as per EOIs. The Board agreed.

6. Project Voting

i) Cas Par Cas - Refrigerated Van (Expression of Interest)

SB provided an overview of the project to the Board members.

A vote was taken by the Board.

The vote:	8 agreed
Abstention:	Nil
Email vote:	1 agreed (DW)
Declarations of Interest:	none

The project was approved by an overall majority of 9 votes.

7. North of Tyne Networking Event - all

SB presented the proposed itinerary for the event. Amble, Blyth and North Shields have been chosen as primary locations as these are the easiest for those attending to travel to and from. It was agreed that there are not

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enough projects further north to justify the amount of time that it would take to visit them.

SB asked the board for recommendations for guest speakers, particularly those who could give a project perspective.

It was suggested that photos or video interviews from some of the projects in the north of the FLAG area be shown at the event.

The board agreed the proposed dates and general itinerary

8. Change Requests

Alive, ADT Northumberland

A variation has been requested due to additional costs imposed by regulations which have come into force since the project approval date

Vote - unanimous approval

NIFCA

There have been price increases to various items of expenditure since the approval date. This is partly mitigated by the proposed removal of a course which the employee is no longer required to sit.

Vote - unanimous approval

DB reminded the members that cost increase variations will impact on the funding available for future projects. There was a discussion regarding possible actions and it was agreed that going forward applicants should be warned that grant increases from variations cannot be guaranteed.

9. FLAG Progress Discussion - all

Previously discussed.

10. AOB

DB raised the question of how frequently meetings should be held going forward. It was decided that this discussion should be held at the next meeting.

11. *Monday, 20th May 2019, 4-6 pm at Belsay meeting room, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF.*

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