



Minutes

North of Tyne FLAG

4 pm, Monday, 24th September 2018

Briardale Community Centre, Briardale Road, Blyth NE24 5AN

Present:-

Alex Wallace (AW) (Chair)
Tracy Jennings (TJ) (Minute Taker)
Andy Dixon (AD)
James Evans (JE)
Neil Robinson (NR)

Natalie Wallace (NW)
Simon Baxter (SB)
David Baird (DB)
David Shiel (DS)

1. Apologies:-

Michael Bould (MB) (Vice Chair)
Catherine Scott (CS)
Ed Tame (ET)
Peter Dade (PD)
Alexander Ritchie (AR)

Julia Aston (JA)
Katy Barrett (KB)
Daniel Wise (DW)
Nik Hanlon (NH)

Non Attendance:-

Paul Robinson (PR)
Ian Riches (IR)
Sarah Douglas (SD)
Robert Oliver (RO)

Brian Burdis (BB)
David Gair (DG)
Dennis Osborne (DO)

Although the Meeting was not quorate by number and sector due to a high number of apologies, some at short notice, it was agreed to undertake project voting as a number of votes had been received by email beforehand. To not vote would have caused an inordinate delay to the applicants, the FLAG and subsequently the overall programme.

Action

2. Welcome & introductions – (all)

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

Signed:

MH and *NW* declared an interest in item 6 i) NIFCA Brown Crab Stock Assessment Project. *MB*, *SD* and *DG* declared in interest in item 6 ii) Fishing Vessel Harvest Dawn Cold Storage Unit.

4. **Actions from previous meeting (21st May 2018)**

All actions were completed.

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

Action: *DS* asked for more information about the Coastal Communities. *SB* and *AW* will forward this information to the *DS*.

**SB &
AW**

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

SB updated the members on the FLAG's progress.

i) Expressions of Interests in development:

- Mr Neal Priestley - Fishing Vessel Mary May Onboard Fish Hold Chilling System and Shoreside Processing Equipment
- North Sunderland Steps
- Larry's Fish Cakes Scampi Line
- Dennis Osborne Training Project
- Cullercoats Harbour Barrier
- Endeavour Seafoods Processing Equipment
- Berwick Harbour Commissioners Fishermen's Storage Unit
- Fishermen's Mission Health Training Project

ii) Eighteen full applications have been received and are currently in development, 4 projects have now been completed entirely with claims paid:

- 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

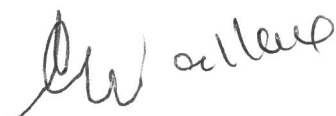
iii) There are 5 approved projects in various stages of completion:

- Northumberland Seafood Centre crab boiler, fish smoker
- River Tweed Wild Salmon processing unit
- Warkworth Harbour Commissioners storage units
- Seaview Fisheries fish skinner and ice machine
- Port of Blyth davits and cold storage

iv) 4 projects are currently with the MMO awaiting their decision:

- Port of Blyth Flying the Flag training project
- Food Nation seafood street food trainee programme
- FV Aquarius onboard ice machine

Signed:



- FV Osprey fish hold chilling machine

v) 3 projects which are currently in development:

- Warkworth Harbour fuel delivery system upgrade and installation of the quayside davit
- Alliance Fish cold storage, scales and used insulated van
- North Shields Fish Quay company ice machine, cold storage, net roller

vi) 2 projects will be voted on:

SB

- NIFCA Brown crab stock assessment project
- Fishing vessel Harvest Dawn cold storage unit

Action: SB will circulate the updated version of the closing dates for applications to be submitted by, including last claims date and project completion.

Core EMFF programme: 15 projects have been signposted to the Core EMFF funding with varying levels of assistance provided.

SB asked the Board if they would grant permission to undertake the Full Application procedure by email as per EOIs for those projects where a delay would incur. There are a number of projects where this may be required in the near future.

6. Project Voting

i) NIFCA Brown Crab Stock Assessment Project

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

A vote was taken by the Board.

The vote:	3 agreed (AD, JE, DS)
Abstention:	Nil
Email vote:	5 agreed (DW, JA, KB, MB, ET)
Declarations of Interest:	MH and NW

The project was approved by an overall majority of 8 votes.

ii) Fishing Vessel Harvest Dawn Cold Storage Unit

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

A vote was taken by the Board.

The vote:	4 agreed (NW, AD, JE, DS)
Abstention:	Nil
Email vote:	4 agreed (DW, JA, KB, ET)

Signed:



Declarations of Interest: MB, SD and DG

The project was approved by an overall majority of 8 votes.

7. FLAG Progress discussion - all

SB discussed the likelihood that project priority funds will require reallocation from one priority to another, allowing the more popular priorities to obtain funding using those priority areas where take up has been less than anticipated.

SB

Action: Once additional information is received from the MMO, SB is to email the Board members asking to to reallocate funds as necessary.

SB

Action: SB is to approach the MMO to ask for an extension to the March 2019 deadline for the applications to be submitted by. The rationale of this is to spend the budget. Once SB gets the clarification on this, he will update the Board.

ALL

Action: DB suggested that the Board should look into the Prosperity Fund to keep the FLAG going in the future.

SB

Action: SB will forward a flyer to AD to give a final push for funding to the North Shields fishermen.

8. AOB

There was no other business.

9. Date & time of next meeting

Monday, 26th November 2018, 4-6 pm at The Fourways 2, 6 Dilston Terrace, Amble, Morpeth NE65 0DT.

Signed:

