



# Minutes

## North of Tyne FLAG

4 pm, Monday, 16th September 2019

Stannard Meeting room, Northumberland County Council, Blyth Civic Centre, NE23 2BX

### Present:-

Alex Wallace (AW) (Chair)  
Simon Baxter (SB)  
Kay Davis (KD) (Minutes)  
Paul Robinson (PR)

Katy Barrett (KB)  
Natalie Wallace (NW)  
David Baird (DB)  
David Shiel (DS)

### 1. Apologies:-

Michael Bould (MB) (Vice Chair)  
Peter Dade (PD)  
Jim Evans (JE)  
Robert Oliver (RO)  
Catherine Scott (CS)

Julia Aston (JA)  
Andy Dixon (AD)  
Louise McCreery (LM)  
Alexander Richie (AR)  
Heather Smith (HS)

### Non Attendance:-

Brian Burdis (BB)  
David Gair (DG)  
Dennis Osbourne (DO)  
Ed Tame (ET)

Sarah Douglas (SD)  
Nik Hanlon (NH)  
Ian Riches (IR)  
Daniel Wise (DW)

### 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

AW There is no decisions to be made tonight, verbal updates only.

Signed:

Action

4. **Actions from previous meeting (18th March 2019) - SB**

**Flag letter issued to:**

SB

**Michael Gove**, Secretary of State for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

**Anne - Marie Trevelyan**, Conservative MP Berwick-upon-Tweed

**Hilary Florek**, MMO Chair

**Andrew Pascoe**, National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations

**Stephen Bolt**, Chief Exec Association of Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authorities

- SB stated that he believed the subsequent Defra meeting was influenced by this letter.

FLAG co - operation project with Forth FLAG is no longer going ahead as it is proving too difficult to organise and there's not a great deal of information provided. In addition to this the MMO has recently investigated the seal predation issue at a national level (MMO 1131 Assessing Non - Lethal Seal Deterrent Options, October 2018 and the Stakeholder Engagement Report January 2019) which negates the need for another, although local investigation.

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

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

SB

a. Programme Officer's report issued to FLAG along with:

- FLAG Project Progress
- FLAG Network Event Report
- FLAG Progress Report Q2 2019 issued to MMO
- Economics of the UK Fishing Fleet 2018

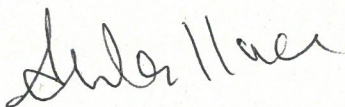
**FLAG Applications:**

Twenty - Five applications have been received to date and the project is now fully committed.

**Thirteen projects are now complete:**

- Beadhell Harbour rock armour
- North Sunderland Harbour installation of three quayside davits
- Warkworth Harbour Storage units
- Warkworth Harbour davit & fuel pump
- FV Sweet Promise cold storage and external housing unit
- FV Amadeus cold storage
- Larry's Fish Cakes frying line
- River Tweed Wild Salmon processing unit
- Seaview Fisheries ice machine and fish skinner

Signed:



- FV Aquarius onboard ice machine
- FV Osprey fish hold chilling system
- FV Harvest Dawn cold storage
- Larry's Fish Cakes scampi line
- All submitted with claims reimbursed.

- **Total Claimed £319,455** (51% spent)

**Seven approved projects which are now at various stages of project development**

- Blyth Harbour davits
- North Shields Fish Quay ice machine
- Cullercoats Harbour boat park barrier
- Northumberland Seafood Centre
- Food Nation Seafood street food trainee programme
- Port of Blyth Flying the Flag
- NIFCA brown crab

**Five full applications at various stages of development**

- Berwick Harbour fisherman's shelter
- North Sunderland Harbour Commission
- Riley's Fish Shack
- Alliance Fish cold storage
- Cas Par Cas Refrigerated Van

b. Invitation received to attend Fisheries Area Network Europe (FARNET) 'Post 2020 Local Action in a Changing World,' a community-led local development conference taking place in Brussels, 2 - 4 December 2019.

**SB**

- Attendance at this meeting was discussed and it was decided the Programme Officer should apply for a place.

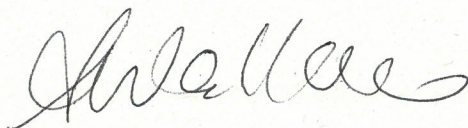
**6. Project Voting**

No further voting will take place as all funding has been committed.

**7. AOB**

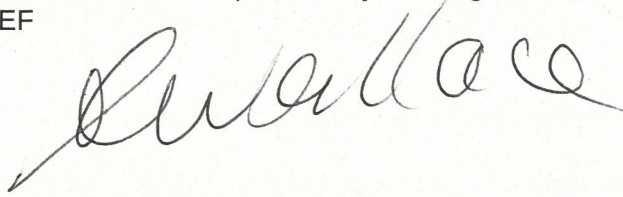
It was mentioned that the North of Tyne FLAG fishing community should celebrate what the FLAG has enabled them to achieve, the support they have received and the jobs which have been created and sustained.

Signed:



**8. Date and time of next meeting**

Monday 18th November 2019, 4 - 6 pm, Belsay Meeting Room, County Hall  
Morpeth, NE61 2EF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Wallace', written in a cursive style.