



Minutes

North of Tyne FLAG

4 pm, Monday, 21st May 2018

Druridge Bay Country Park, Morpeth NE61 5BX

Present:-

Alex Wallace (AW) (Chair)
Michael Bould (MB) (Vice Chair)
David Baird (DB)
Tracy Jennings (Minute Taker) (TJ)
Sarah Douglas (SD)
Nik Hanlon (NH)
Jon Green (JG) (NIFCA)

Julia Aston (JA) ✓
Katy Barrett (KB) ✓
Andy Dixon (AD) ✓
Simon Baxter (SB)
David Shiel (DS) ✓
Neil Robinson (NR) (MMO)

1. Apologies:-

Brian Burdis (BB)
James Evans (JE) ✓
Mike Hardy (MH)
Dennis Osborne (DO)
Ian Riches (IR)
Ed Tame (ET) ✓
Heather Smith (HS)

Peter Dade (PD)
Alexander Ritchie (AR)
Natalie Wallace (NW) ✓
Nicholas Polunin (NP)
Paul Robinson (PR)
Daniel Wise (DW)

Non Attendance:-

David Gair (DG)
Catherine Scott (CS)

Robert Oliver (RO)

The Meeting was quorate by number and sector.

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.

NP gave his resignation to the Board due to personal commitments. He would like to put forward a colleague, Dr Claire Fitzsimmons, who also works for Newcastle University. The Board agreed.

Signed:

3. Declaration of interests and register update - all

AW declared an interest in item 6, commercial Fishing Project (Port of Blyth), on the Agenda.

4. Actions from previous meeting (26th of March 2018)

All actions were completed.

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

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

SB updated the board that the Flag Network Cooperation Project has been side-lined until further notice.

Action: if any members have any ideas for the Flag Network Corporation Project could you bring them to the attention of the rest of the board so they can be discussed in detail in future meetings.

ALL

SB provided an overview of the written report which was sent out to the Board Members with the minutes for the meeting.

SB updated the members on the FLAG's progress.

Full applications currently in development:

River Tweed Wild Salmon
Seaview Fisheries ice machine & fish skinning machine
Port of Blyth cold storage & davits
North Shields Fish Quay cold storage, ice machine, net roller
Warkworth Harbour fishermen's storage units
Coquet Island Shellfish processing unit safety upgrade
FV Sweet Promise - external building and catch store
Beadnell Harbour rock armour
FV Amadeus - pot bait cold storage
Amble Local Increased Value Enterprise (ALIVE)
Larry's Fish Cakes, Frying Line
Food Nation, Seafood Streetfood Programme
Port of Blyth, Flying the Flag for Blyth
North Shields Fish Quay - ice machine, net roller

SB asked the board if they would grant permission to undertake the full application procedure via email as per EOIs for those projects where a delay would incur. The following projects are expected to be submitted between now and the next Board meetings are:

FV Aquarius on-board ice machine
FV Osprey hold refrigeration system

Signed:



The Board members agreed to the electronic email voting.

The members of the board asked the questions on how long the projects have, what is the normal time for an approval of the project, when is the last contract date? *SB* clarified that the time is usually 4 to 8 weeks for an approval.

Action: *SB* to look into when the contract date is, as in the paperwork it states June 2019, this needs to be clarified.

SB

SB updated the board about his time at the Bridlington event from the 15th to 18th May:

Core EMFF programme: £45m available with £27m committed and a further £16m in the pipeline (signed applications) and £2.5m for the FLAGS. This represents a possible overspend if all goes well however the MMO factor in a 10 - 15 % fall off rate which may result in £4 - 6m being available, this will be confirmed in due course.

FLAGS: £1m committed with £300k spent.

- September 2018: £776,000 to be spent
- September 2019: £1.279m to be spent.
- Management and Administration claims to be submitted.
- There's a possibility additional funding may be made available to FLAGS due to the Euro / Pound exchange rates, more info towards the end of year.
- Next EMFF / MMO UK Management Authority event will be in England, date and location to be confirmed but will be this year.

6. Project Voting

i) Larry's Fish cakes

SB gave a quick overview of the projects to the Board members.

A vote was taken by the Board.

The vote: 7 agreed
Abstention: 1
Email vote: 2 agreed

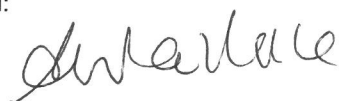
The project was approved by an overall majority of 9 votes.

ii) Port of Blyth Commercial Fishing Project

A vote was taken by the Board.

The vote: 8 agreed

Signed:



Email vote: 2 agreed

The project was approved by an overall majority of 10 votes.

iii) Seaview Fisheries Replacement Equipment

A vote was taken by the Board.

The vote: 8 agreed
Email vote: 2 agreed

The project was approved by an overall majority of 10 votes.

7. FLAG Progress discussion - all

Questions were asked around how the rest of the FLAGs are doing compared to the North of Tyne. Presently the six English FLAGs have committed £1m with £300k spent.

The North of Tyne FLAG has spent £55k. There are three projects totalling £97k with the MMO awaiting their decision. The three projects approved today by the FLAG for submission to the MMO will add £102k. If these projects are approved this will total £254k, a further £23k is at the EO1 stage and £170k at the Full Application stage totalling £448k approximately. The submission of more projects to the MMO and their anticipated approval places the North of Tyne FLAG in a far better position to achieve full spend.

Some FLAGs have had a better start than others for varying reasons however they all remain confident that they will achieve the allocated spend by the programme end date.

8. AOB

Action: TJ to send out an email for suggestions of venues for September and November 2018.

TJ

9. Date & time of next meeting

Monday, 23rd July 2018, 4-6 pm at Seahouses Development Trust, The Hub, Stone Close, Seahouses, NE68 7YL.

Signed:

