



Minutes

North of Tyne FLAG

4 pm, Monday 22nd January 2018

Amble Development Trust, Fourways 2, 6 Dilston Terrace, Amble NE65 0DT

Present:-

Alexander Wallace (FLAG Chair) (AW)	Julia Aston (JA)
David Baird (DB)	Andy Dixon (AD)
Tracy Jennings (Minute Taker) (TJ)	Simon Baxter (SB)
Heather Smith (HS)	David Shiel (DS)
Katy Barrett (KB)	Paul Robinson (PR)
Nik Hanlon (NH)	Natalie Wallace (NW)
Neil Robinson (NR) (MMO)	Capt Jim Evans (JE)
Peter Dade (PD)	Georgina Hunt (GH)

1. Apologies:-

Michael Bould (FLAG Vice-Chair) (MB)	Catherine Scott (CS)
Brian Burdis (BB)	Alexander Ritchie (AR)
Ed Tame (ET)	Sarah Douglas (SD)
David Gair (DG)	Nicholas Polunin (NP)
Robert Oliver (RO)	Ian Riches (IR)
Daniel Wise (DW)	Mike Hardy (MH)

Non Attendance:-

Dennis Osborne (DO)

The Meeting was quorate by number and sector.

Action

2. Welcome & introductions – (all)

AW welcomed everyone which included our guest speaker, Georgina Hunt from Newcastle University, to the North of Tyne FLAG meeting. The meeting started with a 'round the table' introduction of the members.

Signed:

3. Declaration of interests and register update - all

JA declared an interest in item 6 on the Agenda.

4. Actions from previous meeting (27th November 2017)

All the actions from the previous minutes were complete.

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

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

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

SB asked the members of the Board if the next batch of EOIs that are going through to full application can be agreed via email. Members agreed.

SB updated the members on the FLAG's progress.

The EOI for the Fishermen's Mission Health Check project will be issued for electronic voting.

Expressions of Interest: Voting for Food Nation, Seafood Streetfood Training Programme will be voted upon tonight.

Full applications currently in development:

River Tweed Wild Salmon, £8.5k

Seaview Fisheries - ice machine & fish skinning machine, £6.5k

Port of Blyth cold storage & davits, £45k

North Shields Fish Quay cold storage, ice machine, net roller, £48k

Warkworth Harbour fishermen's storage units, £75k

Coquet Island Shellfish processing unit safety upgrade, £50k

Northumberland Seafood Centre, crab boiler, fish smoker, £12k

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 expected to be submitted between now and the next Board meetings are:

North Shields

Port of Blyth

Warkworth Harbour

Northumberland Seafood Centre

The Board members agreed to the electronic email voting.

SB's Visits:

Seafarer's UK, Fishing Forum, London - 9th January 2018.

Action: SB to send the interim report once received from Seafarer's UK to all members via email. **SB**

The next visit is Farnet, Transnational Seminar, FLAGs and Local Resource Management, Vigo, Spain - 13-15th March 2018 (awaiting confirmation).

Action: SB will email details of the FLAG Network Cooperation Project discussion conference call which will be held on Thursday. **SB**

Action: SB to include core EMFF signposted applications on future Programme Officer reports. **SB**

6. Food Nation, Seafood Streetfood Training Programme, project vote - all.

AW and SB gave a quick overview of the project to the Board members.

A vote was taken by the Board.

The vote: 6 agreed
Email vote: 1 agreed
Interest declared: 1 JA
Abstention: 2

The project was approved by an overall majority of 7 votes.

7. Hastings visit presentation (SB)

SB gave a presentation on the Hastings Networking Visit to the Board members. A discussion took place around the presentation which included questions which were answered.

8. Historical presentation on Northumberland Fisheries, Georgina Hunt - Newcastle University

GH gave a presentation on the historical background on Northumberland's Inshore Fisheries, to show how the inshore fisheries have changed in the past 120 years.

A discussion took place around the presentation which included questions which were answered.

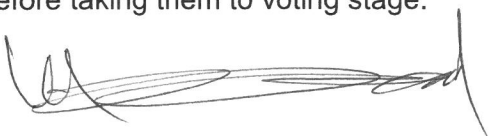
GH informed the Board that the Newcastle University will be submitting an EOI for funding to help towards the gear that is needed to provide more up to date information around inshore fisheries.

Action: GH encouraged the Board Members to provide their email details so they can be contacted with further information. **All**

9. FLAG Progress discussion - all

Members asked if more information can be made available at EOI stage before taking them to voting stage.

Signed:



Action: Questions are to be forwarded to *SB* who will contact the applicant for answers.

SB

DS invited the members to go and see the new landing davits at North Sunderland Harbour before the northside of the pier is closed from March. It was suggested that a trip to see them in July, which will coincide with the Board meeting to be held in Seahouse Development Trust.

HS raised an issue to the board that more applications going forward under 'training retention' is needed and to work with partners to see if there are any other projects out there that can benefit from it, as this came under the original strategy.

DS asked if an individual could apply for the funding so they are able to attend training schools further afield to do their fishing training. Getting match funding could also create a problem.

Action: *SB* to contact the MMO to see if this can be made available, also if they are able to get 100% funding.

SB

10. AOB

There was no other business.

11. Date & time of next meeting

Monday 26th March 2018, 4-6 pm at The Briardale Community Centre, Briardale Road, Blyth NE24 5AN