



# Minutes

## North of Tyne FLAG

4 pm, Monday, 23rd July 2018

Seahouses Development Trust, The Hub, Stone Close, Seahouses NE68 7YL

### Present:-

Alex Wallace (AW) (Chair)  
Michael Bould (MB) (Vice Chair)  
Tracy Jennings (TJ) (Minute Taker)  
James Evans (JE)  
Paul Robinson (PR)  
Ed Tame (ET)  
Heather Smith (HS)

Katy Barrett (KB)  
Julia Aston (JA)  
Andy Dixon (AD)  
Natalie Wallace (NW)  
David Shiel (DS)  
Simon Baxter (SB)  
Andy Newlands (AN)

### 1. Apologies:-

Peter Dade (PD)  
Alexander Ritchie (AR)  
Robert Oliver (RO)  
Daniel Wise (DW)  
Mike Hardy (MH)

Sarah Douglas (SD)  
David Gair (DG)  
Dennis Osborne (DO)  
David Baird (DB)  
Nik Hanlon (NH)

### Non Attendance:-

Catherine Scott (CS)  
Ian Riches (IR)

Brian Burdis (BB)

*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.

### 3. Declaration of interests and register update - all

MB declared an interest in item 6 i) FV Osprey Fish Hold Chilling System with SD and DG declaring an interest by virtue of their business interest.

Signed:

NW declared an interest in item 6 ii) NIFCA Brown Crab Stock Assessment Project with MH declaring an interest as the Chief Executive of NIFCA.

**4. Actions from previous meeting (21st May 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 members on the FLAG's progress.

i) Expressions of Interests in development:

Northumberland Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority, brown crab stock assessment project

ii) There are 16 full applications currently in development, 4 projects have now been completed:

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, ice machine & solar panels

River Tweed Wild Salmon processing unit

Larry's Fish Cakes frying line

Warkworth Harbour Commissioner fishermen's storage units

Seaview Fisheries fish skinner and ice machine

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

Port of Blyth davits and cold storage

Port of Blyth flying the flag for blyth training project

FV Aquarius onboard ice machine

Food Nation seafood street food trainee programme

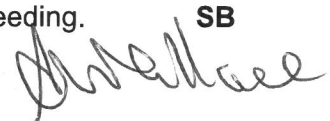
v) 3 projects which are currently in development:

FV Osprey fish hold chilling system

Coquet Island Shellfish processing unit upgrades

**Action:** SB to contact the applicant to see if this project is still proceeding.

**SB**



North Shield Fish Quay company ice machine, cold storage, net roller

vi) Possible projects requiring development

North Sunderland Harbour Commissioners steps

Larry's Fish Cakes scampi line

Warkworth Harbour Commissioners davit and fuel pump

Dennis Osborne training project

Cullercoats Harbour barrier

Endeavour Seafoods processing equipment

Alliance Fish processing equipment.

**Core EMFF programme:** 13 projects have been signposted to the Core EMFF funding with varying levels of assistance provided.

A discussion took place around the *DO* training project and the difficulty encountered obtaining contact details for the schools so they can be offered the training.

**Action:** *SB* to supply NCC Education Department contact details to *DO*.

**SB**

**Action:** *SB* agreed to do more advertising for the FLAG to bring in more projects.

**SB**

*SB* asked the board if they would grant permission to undertake the full application procedure via email as per EOs for those projects where a delay would incur. There are a number of projects expected to be submitted between now and the next Board meeting.

## 6. Project Voting

### i) FV Osprey Fish Hold Chilling System

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

A vote was taken by the Board.

The vote:	9 agreed
Abstention:	1
Email vote:	1 agreed
Declarations of Interest:	<i>SD, DG</i> and <i>MB</i>

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

### ii) NIFCA Brown Crab Stock Assessment

A vote was taken by the Board.

The vote:	9 agreed
Abstention:	1



Signed:

Email vote: 1 agreed  
Declarations of Interest: MH and NW

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

**7. FLAG Progress discussion - all**

SB asked if there were any objections from Board to let projects who have had funding before re-apply for funding again, as the final agreement would come from the MMO? A discussion took place around this subject. The Board agreed to treat every project on its merits, including applicants who have applied more than once.

**8. AOB**

HS has been approached by the Coastal Communities and have declared a special interest in the FLAG.

HS provided information about a consultation which will take place around the Shared Prosperity Fund which will be the replacement of European Funding and that will be provided from national resources.

**Action:** HS will keep the Board updated about the consultations and asking for a FLAG input into them. **HS**

ET queried about the future of the fisheries within the EU. It was explained that the only information available at the moment is the white paper 'Sustainable Fisheries for Future Generations.'

**Action:** SB will reissue this information to the Board. **SB**

**9. Date & time of next meeting**

Monday, 24th September 2018, 4-6 pm at The Briardale Community Centre, Briardale Road, Blyth NE24 5AN.

