



Minutes

North of Tyne FLAG

4 pm, Monday 26th March 2018

The Briardale Community Centre, Briardale Road, Blyth NE24 5AN

Present:-

Michael Bould (*MB*) (*Vice Chair*)
David Baird (*DB*)
Tracy Jennings (Minute Taker) (*TJ*)
Heather Smith (*HS*)
Katy Barrett (*KB*)
Nik Hanlon (*NH*)
Neil Robinson (*NR*) (*MMO*)
Peter Dade (*PD*)

Julia Aston (*JA*)
Robert Oliver (*RO*)
Simon Baxter (*SB*)
David Shiel (*DS*)
Paul Robinson (*PR*)
Brian Burdis (*BB*)
Capt Jim Evans (*JE*)
Mike Hardy (*MH*)

1. Apologies:-

Alex Wallace (*AW*)
Ian Riches (*IR*)
Daniel Wise (*DW*)
Nicholas Polunin (*NP*)

Andy Dixon (*AD*)
Ed Tame (*ET*)
Alexander Ritchie (*AR*)

Non Attendance:-

Dennis Osborne (*DO*)
Sarah Douglas (*SD*)

David Gair (*DG*)

The Meeting was quorate by number and sector.

Action

2. Welcome & introductions – (all)

MB 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

JA, MB and MH declared an interest in item 7, Northumberland Seafood project, on the Agenda.

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4. **Actions from previous meeting (22nd January 2018)**

Action: SB will email details of the FLAG Network Cooperation Project discussion conference call which will be held on Thursday. **As this be a regular monthly conference call, this action will be recorded as on-going.**

SB

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

5. **Chair and Vice-Chair conformation - SB / All**

Nominations for Chair - Alex Wallace, the vote was unanimous.

Nominations for Vice-Chair - Michael Bould, the vote was unanimous.

"MB gave a thank you speech on behalf of himself and AW for the kind nominations and looking forward to the future."

6. **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 updated the members on the FLAG's progress.

Full applications currently in development:

River Tweed Wild Salmon, £12,242

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, £10,199

Larry's Fish Cakes, Frying Line, £48k

Food Nation, Seafood Streetfood Programme, £34,928

Port of Blyth, Flying the Flag for Blyth, £30k

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. The following projects are expected to be submitted between now and the next Board meetings are:

North Shields

Port of Blyth

Warkworth Harbour

Larry's Fish Cakes

Food Nation

The Board members agreed to the electronic email voting.

Action: SB will encourage applicants to progress their projects forward to get their projects approved and get their grants spent.

SB

Signed:



7. Project Voting

i) Northumberland Seafood Centre

JA, MB and MH left the room as they declared an interest in this project.

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

A vote was taken by the Board.

The vote: 7 agreed
Email vote: 1 agreed

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

ii) River Tweed Wild Salmon

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

A vote was taken by the Board.

The vote: 9 agreed
Email vote: 1 agreed

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

8. FLAG Progress discussion - all

PD informed the Board that the Fishermen's Mission have postponed their Health Check application for now and would like to re-apply in the future.

MH queried the deadline dates for the process of the applications by late 2018, and asked the question to whether the MMO DEFRA will contact the FLAGs to inform everyone about any adjustments needed in the processes and dates. *HS* explained that the MMO are in constant contact with *SB* and the Accountable Body with any updates.

Action: *SB* has monthly conference calls and will report to the members any updates that will come from those calls. **SB**

Collaborate Project will be re-visited at a later date in October 2018. **SB**
Action: *SB* will update the members on any information he receives from the MMO about the project.

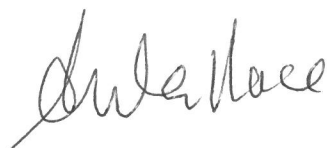
9. AOB

There was no other business.

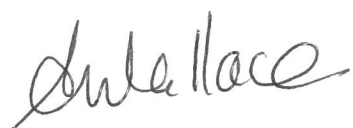
10. Date & time of next meeting

Monday 21st May 2018, 4-6 pm at Druridge Bay Country Park, Visitor Centre, Red Row, NE61 5BX.

Signed:



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