



Minutes

North of Tyne FLAG

4 pm, Monday, 26th November 2018

The Fourways 2, 6 Dilston Terrace, Amble, Morpeth NE65 0DT

Present:-

Alex Wallace (AW) (Chair)
Michael Bould (MB) (Vice Chair)
Tracy Jennings (TJ) (Minute Taker)
Andy Dixon (AD)
James Evans (JE)
Neil Robinson (NR)
Peter Dade (PD)
Robert Oliver (RO)

Natalie Wallace (NW)
Julia Aston (JA)
Simon Baxter (SB)
David Baird (DB)
David Shiel (DS)
Katy Barrett (KB)
Paul Robinson (PR)

1. Apologies:-

Brian Burdis (BB)
Ed Tame (ET)

Daniel Wise (DW)

Non Attendance:-

Catherine Scott (CS)
Ian Riches (IR)
Sarah Douglas (SD)
Nik Hanlon (NH)

Alexander Ritchie (AR)
David Gair (DG)
Dennis Osborne (DO)

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

There were no declarations of interest.

Signed:

Alex Wallace



4. **Actions from previous meeting (24th September 2018)**

All actions were completed.

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

AW asked *DB* to give the members a more detailed explanation of the Shared Prosperity Fund. *DB* voiced concerns around not everyone has a voice within the consultation of the new programme. A suggestion was for the FLAG to get together as a sub-group and discuss with the MMO about having an influence within the consultation on behalf of the fisherman.

Action: *SB* & *DB* to draft a letter to send out to the relevant bodies to inform them of the Shared Prosperity Fund and the existence and interests of the FLAG. The letter is then to be brought to the January's Board meeting to be agreed before sending it out.

**SB &
DB**

JA asked the question on who the letter needs to go out too and what the hierarchy would be in the structure .

Action: It was suggested that If any members have any ideas or contacts on any committees or groups for the letter to be sent out to or to highlight it on their group agendas, please bring this to the attention to the Board.

ALL

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

SB updated the members on the FLAG's progress.

i) Expressions of Interests in development:

- Cas Par Cas (to be voted on)

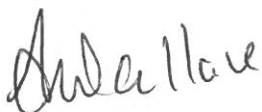
ii) Twenty-five full applications have been received and are currently in development. There are five that have been completed with claims paid.

- 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
- Larry's Fish Cakes frying line.

iii) There are twelve approved projects in various stages of completion:

- River Tweed Wild Salmon processing unit
- Seaview Fisheries fish skinner and ice machine
- Northumberland Seafood Centre crab boiler, fish smoker
- Warkworth Harbour Commissioners storage units
- Port of Blyth davits and cold storage
- FV Aquarius onboard ice machine
- FV Osprey fish hold chilling system

Signed:



- Port of Blyth Flying the Flag training project
- Food Nation seafood street food trainee programme
- NIFCA brown crab project
- Warkworth Harbour fuel delivery system upgrade and installation of a quayside davit
- FV Harvest Dawn cold storage

iv) Eight full applications at various stages of development:

- Alliance Fish cold storage unit
- Berwick Harbour fishermen's shelter
- North Sunderland Harbour steps
- FV Mary May crab boiler and ice machine

Action: early stages - SB to contact the project to move them along. **SB**

- FV Mary May fish hold chilling system

Action: early stages - SB to contact the project to move them along. **SB**

- Larry's Fish Cakes scampi line
- North Shields Fish Quay company ice machine, cold storage unit

Action: not progressing - SB to contact the chairman and move the project along. **SB**

- Cullercoats Harbour infrastructure improvements

Action: SB will contact the projects to get updates, then complete a report for the next Board meeting. **SB**

The Board has endorsed the above actions to give the projects a fortnight to respond.

Action: The members have asked SB to look for more EOIs to be placed on the reserve list. These projects will be allocated and approved on a case by case basis. **SB**

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

AW asked the Board if they would grant permission to undertake the Full Application procedure by email as per EOIs for those projects where a delay would incur. There are a number of projects where this may be required in the near future. The Board agreed.

6. Project Voting

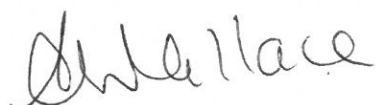
i) Cas par Cas

SB provided an overview of the projects to the Board members.

A vote was taken by the Board.

The vote:	8 agreed
Abstention:	Nil
Email vote:	2 agreed (DW & ET)

Signed:



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Declarations of Interest: Nil

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

7. FLAG Progress discussion - all

SB brought to the attention of the Board that there have been financial changes to some of the projects that have been approved, i.e., equipment and labour changes from the original quotes which were provided at the EOI stages of the projects.

A discussion took place around how this should be handled going forward.

It was agreed that a 'Variation and Justification' form providing details of the changes required with a voting form to collect the members' comments. This then will be agreed and signed off by the Chair and Vice-Chair on completion and a Notification of Change submitted to the MMO for final approval.

It was also agreed that any underspends would go back into the pot to go towards more projects.

8. AOB

SB reminded the members about the event that the North of Tyne need to hold, celebrating the surrounding projects achievements.

Action: SB is looking towards to Board Members for ideas of what / where / when to hold this celebration event. Any ideas, please bring to the next Board meeting or contact SB.

ALL

Action: SB will go through all 26 projects and come up with a few ideas for the next meeting.

SB

Some suggestions brought up at the meeting were as follows:

- Put together a working group to meet up regularly to discuss the way forward.
- Possible allocation idea - Port of Blyth, asking Food Nation to provide food demonstrations.

9. Date & time of next meeting

Monday, 14th January 2019, 4-6 pm at Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF.

Signed:

