



Minutes

North of Tyne FLAG

4 pm, Monday 27th November 2017

North Shields Fishermen's Mission 47-49 Fish Quay, North Shields, NE30 1JA

Present:-

Alexander Wallace (FLAG Chair) (AW)	Julia Aston (JA)
Michael Bould (FLAG Vice-Chair) (MB)	Andy Dixon (AD)
Tracy Jennings (Minute Taker) (TJ)	Simon Baxter (SB)
Heather Smith (HS)	Daniel Wise (DW)
Katy Barrett (KB)	Paul Robinson (PR)
Nik Hanlon (NH)	Robert Oliver (RO)
Neil Robinson (NR) (MMO)	Brian Burdis (BB)
Peter Dade (PD)	Mike Hardy (MH)
Robert Oliver (RO)	Catherine Scott (CS)
Ian Riches (IR)	Alan Horn (AH)
David Shiel (DS)	Alexander Ritchie (AR)

1. Apologies:-

David Baird (DB)	Capt Jim Evans (JE)
Ed Tame (ET)	Sarah Douglas (SD)
Dennis Osborne (DO)	Nicholas Polunin (NP)

Non Attendance:-

David Gair (DG)

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.

Signed:

3. Declaration of interests and register update - all

MB declared his interest in item 5 on the Agenda.

4. Actions from previous meeting (2nd October 2017)

All the actions from the previous minutes were completed.

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

5. Update on progress to date including EOI voting on Coquet Island Shellfish (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.

There are two EOIs in development and will be available next week.

Food Nation hospitality and training scheme focussing on seafood project and Newbiggin Development Trust upgrades to the fishing vessel launch site area.

Action: SB will email the members as soon as the EOIs come in.

SB

SB updated the members that there are three projects who have submitted their full applications and are still awaiting a decision from the MMO:

Sweet Promise small building housing cold storage, £4k
Beadnell Harbour Fishermen's Society sea defence, £8.5k
Amadeus cold storage, £2.8k

Expressions of Interest:

SB gave an overview of the Coquet Island Shellfish project to the Board Members.

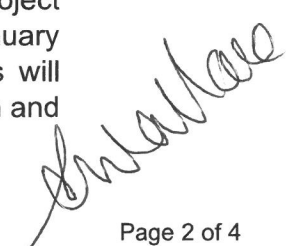
Coquet Island Shellfish was submitted. A vote took place where 12 show of hands from the Board Members, excluding MB, agreed for the EOI to be invited to full application.

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

SB asked the board if they would grant permission to undertake project voting electronically due to the next Board meeting being 22nd January 2018 were the above projects will require approval / rejection. This will reduce both the time taken for applicants to be provided with a decision and the overall application process. The Board agreed to this.

Signed:



SB updated the Board of the latest events he attended on their behalf: EMFF FLAG Networking event, Edinburgh, 11 - 12 September 2017; 4th Atlantic Stakeholder Conference Platform, Glasgow, 8 November 2017; Hastings FLAG Networking event, 23 - 24 November 2017.

Action: SB will email the Board Members a more detailed report on future visits he will undertake on behalf of FLAG. For the next meeting the members will discuss possible ideas to put forward for a 'showcase visit' which is to be arranged for the summer of next year.

SB & All

6. Funding priorities (SB)

SB updated the Members on the meeting he had with AD, NH, PD and DO to discuss projects focussing on Priority 3 Training, retention, recruitment, diversification and Common Fisheries Policy reform.

During March 2018, the MMO will contact all FLAGs to provide a progress report which can be used to move funding to other priorities if required.

Action: The Board Members to consider how money can be spent, especially training, over the next few months so a report can be completed in time for when the MMO ask the question.

All

A discussion took place around training and funding.

Action: TJ to add 'Training and Funding' onto the next meeting's agenda.

TJ

Action: SB to keep all members updated on any new information on funding.

SB

7. FLAG progress discussion - (all)

A discussion took place around whether any changes the Board would like to make on how the FLAG is run or improvements to the meetings.

It was suggested that a presentation about the possible research funding projects would be beneficial to the FLAG. There are two available at the moment:

Edinburgh University: 'Litter - is there a problem in North of Tyne?'

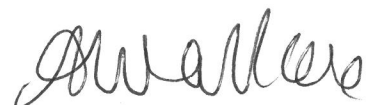
Newcastle University: '1913 - What Species are there today? A Stock Audit since 1913.

The Board agreed that is would be interesting.

SB

Action: SB to contact both universities to ask if they would like to attend future board meeting to give a presentation on the above subjects.

8. Dates of future meetings - (Chair)



AW updated the members on the future Board meetings which are as follows:-

22nd January 2018	Amble Development Trust
26th March 2018	Briardale Community Centre
21st May 2018	Druridge Country Park (<i>provisionally booked</i>)
23rd July 2018	Seahouses Development Trust
24th September 2018	Newbiggin Sports & Community Centre?
26th November 2018	North Shields Fishermen's Mission?

9. AOB

There was a query from a FLAG officer around the development of the Cullercoats project. What are the rules around the size of the cold store unit you can have before building permission is required? A discussion took place.

DW

Action: DW will look into this and get back to the members with an answer.

10. Date & time of next meeting

*Monday 22nd January 2018, 4-6 pm at Amble Development Trust,
Fourways 2, 6 Dilston Terrace, Amble NE65 0DT*

