



Minutes

North of Tyne FLAG

4 pm, Monday 2nd October 2017

Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF

Present:-

Michael Bould (FLAG Vice-Chair) (MB)	Andy Dixon (AD)
David Baird (DB)	Simon Baxter (SB)
Tracy Jennings (Minute Taker) (TJ)	Capt Jim Evans (JE)
Natalie Wallace (NW)	Paul Robinson (PR)
Nik Hanlon (NH)	Robert Oliver (RO)
Andy Newlands (AN) (MMO)	Brian Burdis (BB)
Peter Dade (PD)	

1. Apologies:-

Alexander Wallace (FLAG Chair) (AW)	Julia Aston (JA)
Catherine Scott (CS)	Katy Barrett (KB)
Dennis Osborne (DO)	Heather Smith (HS)
Neil Robinson (NR)	Richard McDonald (RM)
Alexander Ritchie (AR)	David Shiel (DS)
Nicholas Polunin (NP)	Ed Tame (ET)
Daniel Wise (DW)	Robert Oliver (RO)
Sarah Douglas (SD)	

Non Attendance:-

David Gair (DG)	Ian Riches (IR)
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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 and guest Mr

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Andy Newlands, Marine Management Organisation.

3. Declaration of Interests and Register update - all

There were no declaration of interests for the meeting.

4. Actions from Previous Meeting (26th June 2017)

All the actions from the previous minutes are complete.

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

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

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

Expressions of Interest:-

Port of Blyth EOI has been submitted and has been invited to full application.

North Shields Fish Quay Co application for improvements and development has been received and will be submitted to the FLAG board in due course.

Full applications submitted includes:-

North Sunderland HC (awaiting MMO decision)

Action: SB will inform the board members of the MMO's decision.

SB

River Tweed Wild Salmon

Beadnell Harbour - Rock Armour

Seaview Fisheries - ice machine & fish skinning machine

FV Natalie Kristen - catch and pot bait freezer

Sweet Promise - small outbuilding and catch and pot bait freezer

FV Amadeus - catch and pot bait cold storage


SB asked the board if they would grant permission to undertake project voting electronically due to the next Board meeting being 27 November 2017 and 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.

6. Full application vote - ENG 2365 Sweet Promise Refrigeration

SB went through the details of the project with the Board.

A discussion took place around the intervention rate of 50% applied for which JA raised as one of her questions. It was agreed that the intervention rate will not be reduced as this may cause complications with future applications and may prove difficult to justify with projects of a similar nature.

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Providing the applicant receives the conditional planning consent from Northumberland County Council, the Board (with a show of hands 8 plus the Chair), agreed to the project.

Once all documentation has been signed, the turnaround for the project moving forward is approximately 4 - 6 weeks.

7. Google groups and website demonstration - SB

SB did a presentation on how the Google group will be used for sharing information for use when voting on projects.

Action: SB will email the Board Members the 'How To' notes on the presentation. SB

The Board Members agreed to this method of sharing future documentation.

Action: SB will send all the Board Members an invitation via email to join the 'Google Group'. SB

8. Dates of future meetings - Chair

MB 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?

Action: TJ will contact the venues to see if they are available for the dates above, then send the board members electronic invites. TJ

9. Any other questions?

Various discussions took place around the future of the fishing industry.

DB asked a few questions around priorities and measures.

JE brought up some of the issues around training, especially with the schools. Some of the issues are around the safety for the children and difficulties around match funding.

DB asked SB to briefly explain Article 63 to the Board. An example is where a project which doesn't tick certain boxes to attain funding might be able to still get this through Article 63.

A discussion around looking at different models up and down the country to

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see how different FLAG areas deal with training etc., within the fishing industry. It was agreed that this should be a priority.

Action: SB to share this information with the Board for the next meeting. **SB**

Action: To promote the scheme to a wider audience, DB asked the Board Members to pass on any contacts they have to SB that might have an interest. **ALL**

Action: To gain a greater understanding of the future of the fishing industry and funding, it was agreed that SB will provide the Board with information from the wider UK FLAG community and their projects to date. **SB / ALL**

10. AOB - North of Tyne FLAG update and discussion

SB shared a letter from Board member Ed Tame who due to unforeseen delays establishing the Fresh Shrimp Company at Astec Aquaculture Center, Lyne Sands, Woodhorn Village, Northumberland he has had to place the project on hold until April 2018. As an interim measure, Ed is taking up employment on the west coast of Scotland and will be unable to attend FLAG meetings. He has asked to remain as a Board member until his return to Northumberland as he can still pick up his emails and vote.

The Board agreed to retain Ed Tame as a Board member and will revisit this decision later in the new year.

Action: SB informed the Board that if they cannot vote using the Google Forms they can email or ring the office with their decisions and comments. **ALL**

Action: If the Board have any photos or information about the FLAG or of interest to the fishing industry that they would like placed on Facebook or Twitter please send them to SB via email. **ALL**

Action: There is a FLAG article in the 'Our North Tyneside' residents' magazine which SB will email the link to the Board Members. **SB**

11. Date & Time of Next Meeting.

Monday 27th November 2017, 4 – 6 pm at North Shields Fishermen's Mission, 47-49 Fish Quay, North Shields NE30 1JA.