



MINUTES

Fisheries Local Action Group Meeting – 10am Friday 23rd September 2016

Held at: Lesser Hall, Castle Douglas Town Hall

Present: Grant Course (GC) Shaun McGuire (SM)
Alastair McNeill – FLAG Chair (AM) Pam Taylor (PT)
Jonathon Warren (JW) Debbie Parke (DP)
Staff: Nicola Hill (NH) Rowan Lloyd (RL)

Apologies: Caroline Graham Brown (CGB), Stephen Hardy (SH), John Tooth (JT), June Lochhead (JL)

Not Present: Allan Watson (AW), Harry Harbottle (HH)

Declaration of interest – GC declared an interest in the Expression of Interest from Seascope Fisheries Research Ltd.

Welcome

Alastair McNeill opened the meeting with a word of welcome. AMcN advised the group that he had received a query from a potential applicant raising concerns around the confidentiality of FLAG processes. AMcN advised the group he had reassured the applicant regarding the robust processes the FLAG has in place. He reminded FLAG members how important it is for them to retain the integrity of the process and treat sensitive project information as confidential at all times.

Introductions

A round the table introduction took place. Rowan Lloyd (RL), Fisheries Project Officer introduced himself to the group. Rowan joined the LEADER team on 22nd September 2016 and will be responsible for supporting applicants to the EMFF programme and facilitating FLAG meetings.

Minutes of the previous meeting

A number of actions from the previous meeting were discussed. Paper prepared by Simone Tyrie (ST) detailing the IT training session she and Caroline Graham-Brown attended in July 2016 – distributed to FLAG members at the meeting. NH advised the group that the new IT system is currently available to LEADER team and applicants but as yet Marine Scotland has not included the mechanism for FLAG members to access the system. Until this is in place RW will provide application forms to FLAG members via PDF or word documents.

NH advised that the draft Scoring Sheet will be developed with RW and will be circulated to FLAG members prior to December meeting. NH advised the group that the query regarding the FLAG being able to commission projects has not yet received a response. NH will follow up on this.

Action NH

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NH advised that she is still trying to agree a date with Marine Scotland and Seafood Scotland for a presentation to the FLAG and IFG members. NH to follow up on this and advise the FLAG members in due course.

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The minutes were prosed by SM and seconded by GC.

Expressions of Interest (EOI)

NH advised the group that RW will develop an Expression of Interest form for the EMFF application process. This form will be used for all subsequent EOI's received by the FLAG.

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NH to circulate EMFF Guidance document to FLAG members

Action NH

FLAG members provided RW with the following advice:

- Review FLAG member applications
- Compare previous EFF funded projects with current guidance
- Get familiar with other EMFF funding streams

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- Use the Inshore Fisheries Group (IFG) to gain access to the industry for promotional purposes
- Consider attending the Solway Firth Partnership Conference
- Contact Clair McFarlan re Tide Lines magazine.

Date of Next Meeting: 9th December 2016 – Venue to be confirmed.

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