

**Minute of NESFLAG Meeting**  
**Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 1pm**  
**Woodhill House, Aberdeen**

**Present:**

Keith Anderson	Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action (Private)
Ann Bell	NE Scotland Fisheries Development Partnership (Private)
Christopher Bell	Scottish Maritime Academy (Public)
David Jackson	Visit Scotland (Public)
David John McRobbie	Don Fishing Company (Private)
Robin Maddock	Banffshire Partnership (Private)
Doreen Mair	Aberdeenshire Council (Public)
Andrew Newton (Chair)	Stonehaven Tolbooth Association Partnership (Private)
Henning Wagner	Kincardineshire Development Partnership

**Officers in Attendance:**

Jamie Wilkinson	Investments and Projects Executive
Martin Brebner	Team Manager
Catriona Nicolson	Investments and Projects Officer

**Apologies:**

Duncan Abernethy	Scottish Maritime Academy (Public)
Anne Birnie	North East Scotland Fishermen's Organisation (Private)
Jennifer Mouat	North & East Coast Region Inshore Fisheries Group (Private)

**1 Welcome & Apologies**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed those present and apologies were noted as above.

**2 Declarations of Interest (DOI)**

- 2.1 Doreen Mair made a DOI for applications CCCF151 Cruise Fraserburgh and CCCF157 A Free Shared Landing Winch for Small Boat Fishermen.

2.2 Henning Wagner made DOIs for the following applications: CCCF135 KDP – Community-Led Tourism Network Pilots, CCCF158 Mill of Benholm Path Restoration and CCCF140 Bervie Brow Bunker Infrastructure for Access. The FLAG felt that no formal DOI was required for CCCF140 Bervie Brow Bunker Infrastructure for Access.

2.3 David John McRobbie made a DOI for application CCCF133 Invercairn Heritage Trail – Phase 1 (B) as he is vice chair of the applicant organisation.

### **3 Minute of NESFLAG PAC Meeting (15<sup>th</sup> September 2025)**

3.1 The minute was approved by the FLAG. This was proposed by Robin Maddock and seconded by Andrew Newton.

### **4 Minute of NESFLAG Full Committee (17<sup>th</sup> September 2024)**

4.1 The minute was approved by the FLAG. This was proposed by Robin Maddock and seconded by Ann Bell.

### **5 Action Points from minute of NESFLAG Committee**

5.1 No representation from the Buchan Development Partnership has been forthcoming.

5.2 Documentation has been circulated on changes to the framework, priorities and change to threshold at £49,999 and agreed by the Infrastructure Services Committee (ISC).

### **6 Paper 1 – PAC Membership**

6.1 FLAG members were invited to become standing members of the PAC.

6.2 Henning Wagner, Keith Anderson and Doreen Mair were nominated as PAC members. The FLAG agreed to these unanimously. Therefore, there are now 6 PAC members.

### **7 Update on technical assessments, budget and scoring**

7.1 Jamie Wilkinson reported back to the FLAG. The available budget is currently £401,532.22 and is currently oversubscribed with applications received looking for £520k. Approximately 15 applications can be funded, based on available funds. 2 projects have already withdrawn and 2 have become ineligible since the PAC meeting. Any unspent funds can be rolled over the next round (round 8) and will not be lost.

## 7.2 CCCF133 Invercairn Heritage Trail – Phase 1 (B)

7.2.1 David John McRobbie made a DOI for this application and left the meeting.

7.2.2 Advertising consent has come through recently. The organisation provides wider community activities which link in with this project and has a lot of support from the community.

7.2.3

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell	Y				
David Jackson	Y				
Doreen Mair	Y				
Keith Anderson	Y				
Ann Bell	Y				
David John McRobbie					Y
Robin Maddock	Y				
Andrew Newton	Y				
Henning Wagner	Y				
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

7.2.4 The FLAG voted to approve the application.

7.2.5 David John McRobbie rejoined the meeting.

## 7.3 CCCF143 Balmedie Path Restoration & Balmedie Country Park Benches

7.3.1 The benches are recycled plastic. The lowest quote can be funded, unless the group confirms they are happy to use own funds to bridge the gap for selecting more the expensive quote.

7.3.2

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
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Christopher Bell	Y				
David Jackson	Y				
Doreen Mair	Y				
<b>Public Total</b>					
Keith Anderson	Y				
Ann Bell	Y				
David John McRobbie	Y				
Robin Maddock	Y				
Andrew Newton	Y				
Henning Wagner	Y				
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

7.3.3 The FLAG voted unanimously to approve the application.

#### 7.4 CCCF142 Fraserburgh All Weather Sports Facility Renewable Energy Generation

7.4.1 It was suggested to segregate application costs for lighting and solar battery. It was highlighted that sourcing comparable quotes can present some difficulties and that applicants are required to demonstrate best value for money. The FLAG discussed various aspects of solar batteries and their technical attributes.

7.4.2

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell	Y				
David Jackson	Y				
Doreen Mair	Y				
<b>Public Total</b>					
Keith Anderson	Y				
Ann Bell	Y				

David John McRobbie	Y				
Robin Maddock	Y				
Andrew Newton	Y				
Henning Wagner	Y				
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

7.4.3 The FLAG voted unanimously to approve the application.

## 7.5 CCCF152 Go Sailing

### 7.5.1

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell	Y				
David Jackson	Y				
Doreen Mair	Y				
<b>Public Total</b>					
Keith Anderson	Y				
Ann Bell	Y				
David John McRobbie	Y				
Robin Maddock	Y				
Andrew Newton	Y				
Henning Wagner	Y				
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>9</b>				

7.5.2 The FLAG voted unanimously to approve the application.

## 7.6 CCCF157 Free Shared Landing Winch for Small Boat Fishermen

7.6.1 Doreen Mair made a DOI for this application and left the meeting.

7.6.2 The middle quote was selected by the applicant as the specification selected was the best fit for the project.

7.6.3

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell	Y				
David Jackson	Y				
Doreen Mair					Y
<b>Public Total</b>					
Keith Anderson	Y				
Ann Bell	Y				
David John McRobbie	Y				
Robin Maddock	Y				
Andrew Newton	Y				
Henning Wagner	Y				
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

7.6.4 **The FLAG voted to approve the application.**

7.6.5 Doreen Mair rejoined the meeting.

7.7 **CCCF144 The Fruit Mart**

7.8 The need for the grant was questioned. The applicant is working on meeting the required level of procurement.

7.9

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell	Y				
David Jackson	Y				
Doreen Mair	Y				

Keith Anderson	Y				
Ann Bell	Y				
David John McRobbie	Y				
Robin Maddock	Y				
Andrew Newton	Y				
Henning Wagner	Y				
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>9</b>				

7.9.1 **The FLAG voted to approve the application with a decision in principle, subject to conditions of meeting the required level of procurement.**

#### 7.10 CCCF158 Mill of Benholm Path Restoration

7.10.1 Henning Wagner made a DOI for this application and left the meeting.

7.10.2 Photographs of the site would be beneficial. The organisation has been working with key partners and has greatly developed the site to date.

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell	Y				
David Jackson	Y				
Doreen Mair	Y				
<b>Public Total</b>					
Keith Anderson	Y				
Ann Bell	Y				
David John McRobbie	Y				
Robin Maddock	Y				
Andrew Newton	Y				
Henning Wagner					Y

<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
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7.10.3 The FLAG voted to approve the application.

7.10.4 Henning Wagner rejoined the meeting.

### 7.11 CCCF147 GCRC 10th Anniversary

7.11.1 Match funding is still to be confirmed – the applicant is working on this.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Reject</b>	<b>Defer</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>DOI</b>
Christopher Bell	Y				
David Jackson	Y				
Doreen Mair	Y				
Keith Anderson	Y				
Ann Bell	Y				
David John McRobbie	Y				
Robin Maddock	Y				
Andrew Newton	Y				
Henning Wagner	Y				
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

7.11.2 The FLAG voted unanimously to approve the application.

### 7.12 CCCF135 KDP – Community-Led Tourism Network

7.12.1 Henning Wagner made a DOI for this application and left the meeting.

7.12.2 A lack of support from local organisations was noted. Concern was raised on capacity to deliver the project as well as funding a study without strong and definitive outcomes.

7.12.3

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell		Y			
David Jackson		Y			
Doreen Mair		Y			
Keith Anderson		Y			
Ann Bell		Y			
David John McRobbie		Y			
Robin Maddock		Y			
Andrew Newton		Y			
Henning Wagner					Y
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

7.12.4 The FLAG voted to reject the application.

7.12.5 Henning Wagner rejoined the meeting.

### 7.13 CCCF134 – Aberdeenshire Table Tennis Development

7.13.1 The application was presented details on a plan for facilities to be used and some details on outcomes and planned achievements. Procurement would be needed as contracted staff would be used for the project. There is already an active table tennis community in the targeted areas already. The FLAG felt the application could be stronger by provision of, for example, a more effective and targeted plan.

7.13.2

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell		Y			
David Jackson		Y			
Doreen Mair		Y			
Keith Anderson		Y			
Ann Bell		Y			
David John McRobbie		Y			
Robin Maddock		Y			
Andrew Newton		Y			
Henning Wagner		Y			
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**7.13.3 The FLAG voted unanimously to reject the application.**

#### 7.14 CCCF146 EGCP Connecting Coasts

7.14.1 This is one of two applications (CCF132 EGCP Turning the Plastic Tide and CCCF146 EGCP Connecting Coasts) from the same applicant. Concern was raised that the proposed activities overlap with other similar activities already taking place and for sustainability of the project. Th FLAG felt this was the weaker of the two applications and had to take into consideration an oversubscription of funds.

##### 7.14.2

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell		Y			
David Jackson		Y			
Doreen Mair		Y			
Keith Anderson		Y			
Ann Bell		Y			
David John McRobbie		Y			
Robin Maddock		Y			

Andrew Newton		Y			
Henning Wagner		Y			
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**7.14.3 The FLAG voted unanimously to reject the application.**

### 7.15 CCCF155 Peterhead Boys Club Community Viewing

7.15.1 Three quotes were received and funds will be restricted to lowest quote for containers. The FLAG had concerns that the proposed project activities would not be an effective use of funds.

7.15.2

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell		Y			
David Jackson		Y			
Doreen Mair		Y			
Keith Anderson		Y			
Ann Bell		Y			
David John McRobbie		Y			
Robin Maddock		Y			
Andrew Newton		Y			
Henning Wagner		Y			
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**7.15.3 The FLAG voted unanimously to reject the application.**

### 7.16 CCCF151 Cruise Fraserburgh

7.16.1 Doreen Mair made a DOI for this application and left the meeting.

7.16.2 The FLAG had mixed views on the application. They felt the principle and aim was worthy of support and could represent significant potential for the local community.

Concern was raised about the lack of a more strategic approach presented in the application.

### 7.16.3

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell		Y			
David Jackson		Y			
Doreen Mair					Y
Keith Anderson	Y				
Ann Bell	Y				
David John McRobbie	Y				
Robin Maddock		Y			
Andrew Newton		Y			
Henning Wagner		Y			
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

7.16.4 The FLAG voted in majority to reject the application.

7.16.5 Doreen Mair rejoined the meeting.

## 7.17 CCCF132 EGCP Turning the Plastic Tide

7.17.1 This is one of two applications (CCF132 EGCP Turning the Plastic Tide and CCCF146 EGCP Connecting Coasts) from the same applicant. Concern was raised on sustainability as the project has been funded in previous years and appears to be struggling to secure funding long term. The FLAG felt the project was very worthwhile and suggested that securing sponsorship from, for the example the renewable energy sector, would be worth pursuing as a more suitable source of funding.

### 7.17.2

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell	Y				

David Jackson	Y				
Doreen Mair	Y				
Keith Anderson	Y				
Ann Bell	Y				
David John McRobbie	Y				
Robin Maddock	Y				
Andrew Newton	Y				
Henning Wagner	Y				
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

7.17.3 The FLAG voted unanimously to approve the application.

## 7.18 CCCF150 Sillyflatt Test Kitchen & Environmental Improvements

7.18.1 An outstanding issue in meeting procurement requirements exists, with the submission of a handwritten quote. Concern was raised that the facilities are not operating as an active farm presently. Compostable toilets were felt not to complement a working kitchen / restaurant type facility for use by the public.

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell		Y			
David Jackson		Y			
Doreen Mair		Y			
Keith Anderson		Y			
Ann Bell		Y			
David John McRobbie		Y			
Robin Maddock		Y			
Andrew Newton		Y			
Henning Wagner		Y			
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**7.18.2 The FLAG voted unanimously to reject the application.**

### 7.19 CCCF149 New Gallery

7.19.1 The FLAG felt that supporting the promotion of maritime heritage, which this application does, was important. Final costs for the project are still to be confirmed. The museum facilities are likely the only type of their kind nationally.

7.19.2

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell	Y				
David Jackson	Y				
Doreen Mair	Y				
Keith Anderson	Y				
Ann Bell	Y				
David John McRobbie	Y				
Robin Maddock	Y				
Andrew Newton	Y				
Henning Wagner	Y				
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**7.19.3 The FLAG voted unanimously to approve the application, with a decision in principle to be offered with conditions on meeting procurement, match funding and full project costings to be confirmed.**

### 7.20 CCF137 Cabin Club Afterschool C.I.C

7.20.1 The applicant currently offers the only child minding facility within the local community. Substantial demand has been demonstrated for the service. Match funding is unclear currently. An application for planning permission and building warrant has not been submitted, as far as the FLAG were aware. This raised concerns over realistically delivering the project within the timeframe of sixty days a decision in principle would allow. The FLAG would like to support the application but felt it needed more reworking.

7.20.2

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell			Y		
David Jackson			Y		
Doreen Mair			Y		
Keith Anderson			Y		
Ann Bell			Y		
David John McRobbie			Y		
Robin Maddock			Y		
Andrew Newton			Y		
Henning Wagner			Y		
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

7.20.3 The FLAG voted unanimously to defer the application to the next round.

## 7.21 CCCF154 Victoria Community Park Tennis Courts

7.21.1 Limited letters of support have been provided. The organisation has successfully delivered many other projects in the local area to the benefit of the community. A change in height of fencing may need planning permission. Permission and evidence of this from the landlord will be needed to amend the site (a lease is already in place). The FLAG felt the application needed further rework and would be a better fit for other funds within the area at present.

### 7.21.2

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell			Y		
David Jackson			Y		
Doreen Mair		Y			
Keith Anderson			Y		
Ann Bell		Y			

David John McRobbie		Y			
Robin Maddock			Y		
Andrew Newton			Y		
Henning Wagner		Y			
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

7.21.3 The FLAG voted by majority to defer the project to the next round.

## 7.22 CCCF141 Stonehaven Youth Club Building

7.22.1 The building is in a state of disrepair and is a C listed building. The match funding package is not confirmed and project costs provided are vague. The level of procurement required has not been fully met. Concern was raised on capacity to deliver the project. The FLAG felt the application in its current form presented too much risk.

### 7.22.2

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell		Y			
David Jackson		Y			
Doreen Mair		Y			
Keith Anderson		Y			
Ann Bell		Y			
David John McRobbie		Y			
Robin Maddock		Y			
Andrew Newton		Y			
Henning Wagner		Y			
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

7.22.3 The FLAG voted unanimously to reject the application.

## 7.23 CCCF148 Maggie's Hoosie Preservation

7.23.1 The applicant is working on meeting the required level of procurement. A further quote is expected for the application activities. Insurance and an appropriate bank account are required, which is currently being worked on. The project ties in with the heritage trail.

7.23.2

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell	Y				
David Jackson	Y				
Doreen Mair	Y				
Keith Anderson	Y				
Ann Bell	Y				
David John McRobbie	Y				
Robin Maddock	Y				
Andrew Newton	Y				
Henning Wagner	Y				
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

7.23.3 **The FLAG voted unanimously to approve the application with a decision in principle to be offered with conditions of insurance, an appropriate bank account and meeting the required level of procurement.**

#### 7.24 CCCF140 Bervie Brow Bunker Infrastructure for Access

7.24.1 The site has limitations to install disabled access due to the historical nature and design of the building. The set up of the lease is unusual and will be between the owner and the organisation, which are also interlinked. The site provides a unique offering to the area.

7.24.2

Member	Approve	Reject	Defer	Abstain	DOI
Christopher Bell	Y				
David Jackson	Y				
Doreen Mair	Y				
Keith Anderson	Y				
Ann Bell	Y				

David John McRobbie	Y				
Robin Maddock	Y				
Andrew Newton	Y				
Henning Wagner	Y				
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

7.24.3 **The FLAG voted unanimously to approve the application.**

7.25 After the FLAGs decisions on applications today, approximately £88K remains unallocated. This will likely move into the next round.

7.26 The FLAG will meet in January 2026 to discuss deferred applications.

## 8 AOCB

8.1 No other business was raised.

## 9 Date of Next Meeting

9.1 The next meeting is to provisionally take place on Wednesday 21st Jan 2026 between 2pm and 4pm.

Minute Taker

Catriona Nicolson