

Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for East of England held on Thursday 22 September at 10:00 a.m. at the Swiss Garden, Bedfordshire

Committee:

- Helen Wilson
- Sue Davies
- Phil Rothwell
- Philip Venning
- Steve Miller

Apologies:

- Joff Whitten
- Carole Reilly

Committee Business

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Swiss Garden, Bedfordshire and particularly Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive to her first meeting of the Committee for the East of England.

1. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Steve Miller in his capacity as Head of Norfolk Museums Service (NMS) and pending Acting Assistant Director, Community and Environmental Services (Cultural Services) for Norfolk County Council reported a conflict with

- Marriotts Way (item 13) as the applicant was Norfolk County Council

And a connection with

- The N-Town Project (item 9) Norfolk County Council (through the Arts Service) had supported the applicant Eastern Angles in the past.
- The Humble Hun (item 11); Norfolk County Council were listed as one of the statutory bodies along with the Environment Agency and
- Gainsborough House (item 18) as he was a member of the New Anglia Cultural Board alongside the Executive Director of Gainsborough's House Society, the applicant

Steve Miller confirmed that he and NMS had no involvement with any of the projects. Committee noted the connection did not constitute a conflict.

Helen Wilson reported a declaration for Gainsborough House (item 18). She Chaired the New Anglia Cultural Board. The Executive Director of Gainsborough's House Society was on the Board and Gainsborough House was part of the wider Cultural Strategy for the next five years. She had had no involvement with the project. Committee noted the connections and agreed neither constituted a conflict.

Phil Rothwell reported he provided consultancy services for the Wildlife Trusts umbrella body and noted the connection for

- Creating a Southern Gateway to the Boards authority (item17), where the Suffolk Wildlife Trust was applicant

- The Humble Hun (item 11) Norfolk Wildlife Trust formed part of the Norfolk Coast Partnership.

He had had no involvement with either project. Committee noted the connections and agreed neither constituted a conflict.

Philip Venning reported a connection

- with a member of the Garrett Family, Transforming the Long Shop (item 16).

Committee agreed this did not constitute an interest.

2. Chair's report

Oral

The Chair reported on recent project visits and events attended in the region including

- Peterborough Cathedral
- Norfolk at the pictures
- Gressinghall Farm and Workhouse and
- Caister Roman project festival of archaeology.

The Chair offered initial observations since taking up the role in April, particularly the significant positive and wide-ranging impact that HLF funding had had in the region for both heritage and people.

3. Minutes of last meeting on 23 June 2016

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Officers reported two errors within the minutes on

- page 3, item 7; delete 'in his constituency' and
- page 10, item 16; delete 'Expert advice.....member'.

Committee agreed the minutes. These were signed by the Chair

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

Officers provided an update on the outcome following the decisions taken.

There were no other matters arising.

5. East of England Regional Overview

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Robyn Llewellyn, Head of Region, drew attention to key areas within the report including:

- Upcoming Board level case openings - Quay Place in Ipswich , a partnership between Suffolk Mind and Churches Conservation Trust and the National Horseracing Museum, Newmarket
- Board level cases which had secured awards- Hunstanton Heritage Gardens and St Albans Cathedral
- the December committee meeting would be held in Cambridge, with an optional visit to the National Horseracing Museum afterwards
- Great Place Scheme: Kate Brown was lead contact. There had been much and varied interest. The deadline for expressions of interest was 6 October. Online applications would be open from 1 November to 2 January 2017.
- Acquisition guidance in view of the two applications for decision at the meeting
- Committee Awayday; the next would be March 2017 venue to be confirmed.

6. East of England Budget

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Robyn Llewellyn reported that the 2016-17 annual budget for the region was £8,800,000. There were five first round Heritage Grants applications with a request totalling £4,971,600 against an indicative quarterly budget of £2,620,034 giving a success rate of 52%.

For December there were five first round applications with a total grant request of £7,658,000. If the budget were apportioned between the two meetings on the basis of the grant request, the available budget for September would be £2,043,627.

There were two Heritage Grant second round cases for decision. These were fundable as long as the Committee considered that the proposals were of sufficiently high quality and delivering good value for money.

Committee noted the Heritage Grants outcomes.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

7. Long live Great Bardfield! A Fry Gallery for the 21st Century

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Applicant: Fry Art Gallery Society

Request: First round pass of £1,880,200 including development grant of £158,400 (77% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Create a new multipurpose integrated exhibition space, provide greater storage, conservation and education space, deliver a programme of activities and a new website.

The application was **REJECTED** in light of the available budget and the concerns raised.

8. Transforming the Park and Unlocking Clare's Heritage

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Applicant: Clare Castle Country Park

Project: Restore key heritage features, consolidate Castle remains, provide interpretation and new visitor facilities and deliver a programme of learning activities, improving the parks overall condition.

Committee agreed the application represented a high priority for support and AWARDED a first round pass of £1,707,200 including development grant of £206,400, 73% of eligible development costs.

9. The N-Town Project

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Applicant: Eastern Angles theatre company and New Heritage Solutions CIC

Request: First round pass of £360,100 including development grant of £15,000 (60 %of total eligible development costs)

Project: Develop a project to share the heritage of East Anglia N-Town cycle of biblical plays and medieval pageants with the wider community. This included a theatre tour of 2 medieval dramas to community venues; a revival of the Corpus Christi Processions in Ipswich and the creation of a modern community drama.

The application was **REJECTED** in light of the available budget and concerns raised.

10. Restoring and improving the Electric Palace Cinema Harwich

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Applicant: Harwich Electric Palace Trust

Project: Conserve and repair Grade II* listed Electric Parade Cinema; refurbish and upgrade the facilities; provide permanent and temporary displays, deliver special screenings and an activity programme.

Committee agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £704,000 including a development grant of £51,000, 86% of eligible development costs.

11. The Humble Hun - our vision of a little river winding through a dazzling landscape

CEE 2016 (3) 11

Applicant: Norfolk Coast Partnership

Request: First round pass of £320,100 including development grant of £39,400 (60% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Restore the River Hun, and revive its wetlands, measure the change and reconnect the river with its local communities.

Committee agreed the application represented a high priority for support. The project was **REJECTED** in light of the available budget.

12. Prioritisation of first round applications

Oral

Committee agreed that:

- Transforming the Park (item 8); Restoring the Electric Parade (item 10) and The Humble Hun (item 11) were a high priority and
- Long Live Great Bardfield (item 7) and The N-Town Project (item 9) were a medium priority.

There was insufficient budget to support all high priority projects. The medium projects were rejected. The Humber Hun was rejected in light of the available budget.

SF4 Second round applications for discussion and Committee decision: Heritage Grants

13. Marriotts Way Heritage Trail

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Steve Miller left the room before discussion commenced.

Grantee: Norfolk County Council: Community and Environmental Services

Uplift: £43,600 (11%) to cover additional activity and conservation costs

Project: Explore the industrial built heritage, document the history and natural heritage of the 26 miles of the Marriott's Way in Greater Norwich. Proposals included delivering circular walks, community research, educational resources and a range of activities.

Committee had awarded a first round pass of £448,000 including a development grant of £36,600, 82% of eligible development costs in June 2015.

Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £455,000 (68%).

14. A Bicentenary Birthday Present for the Fitzwilliam Museum: A Portrait of Claude-Armand Gérôme

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Grantee: Fitzwilliam Museum, University of Cambridge

Request: Award grant of £600,000 (55%)

Project: Acquisition of the portrait of Claude-Armand Gérôme for the permanent collection of the Fitzwilliam Museum. The painting would be displayed in the Museum, tour to three venues across the UK and a programme of activities would be delivered.

Committee **REJECTED** the project.

SF4 First round applications for discussion and decision: Grants for Places of Worship

15. Applications for Places of Worship

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In the East of England, initially 8 first round applications with a grant request of £1,556,300 were received against the revised regional budget of £941,600 for September.

At the initial sift, two bids failed to make a sufficiently strong argument in terms of the urgency of the proposals presented. The remaining six cases had undergone full assessment with a total request of £1,162,400.

Committee noted that demand for December was lower at £812,000 . If the budget were re-apportioned to reflect this, there was sufficient budget to support all projects with positive recommendations.

Committee awarded second round grants to:

- St Mary the Virgin, Barningham including an uplift of £37,400 (30%)
- St Margaret, Stanfield including an uplift of £8,600 (11%)

Committee awarded first round passes and development grants to six projects

- All Saints Wighton
- St Margaret and St Nicholas
- St Margaret, Swannington
- St Martin, Raynham
- St Mary, Harkstead and
- St Margaret, Herringfleet

Committee rejected two applications:

- St Margaret, Sea Palling
- St Lawrence, Aredely

SF4 First round applications for discussion and recommendation: Heritage Grants (September Board)

Committee discussed the following projects. Their views would be reported to the Board.

16. Transforming the Long Shop

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Applicant: The Long Shop Project Trust

Request: First round pass of £2,059,900 including development grant of £161,200 (66% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Restore historic buildings, improve the collections care and visitor experience and interpretation to ensure that the function and significance of the buildings was better understood. A range of project activities would be delivered

17. Creating a southern gateway to the Broads National Park

CEE 2016 (3) 17

Applicant: Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Request: First round pass of £4,538,600 including development grant of £246,300 (90% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Acquisition of land adjoining the Trust's existing Carlton and Oulton Marshes Nature Reserve, carry out habitat recreation and restoration work; build a new visitor centre; provide one of the largest Broad habitats creation projects and provide one of the most accessible landscape scale nature reserves in East Anglia.

18. Reviving an Artist's Birthplace: A National Centre for Gainsborough

CEE 2016 (3) 18

Applicant: Gainsborough's House Society

Request: First round pass of £4,733,800 including development grant of £280,700 (63% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Create a National Centre for Gainsborough at the birthplace museum; provide a new build addition for exhibition, display and learning space; renovate and redisplay Gainsborough House; improve visitor services; increase audiences through training and activities.

19. Prioritisation of items

Oral

Committee agreed that there were three very strong and high priority East of England applications for the Board in September.

Papers for discussion

20. Corporate Update

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Committee noted the update and specifically

- Appendix I which set out the principles through which HLF would operate with devolved administrations, local government and other stakeholders

21. Landscape Partnership Overview

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Committee noted the overview. There were no applications for the region during the current round.

Officers had been talking to potential projects. Committee noted that two Landscape Partnership schemes had recently completed/were completing with many successful outcomes and lessons learned.

22. Communications Report

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Committee noted the report.

The region said farewell and thank you to Felix Gott and welcomed a new Communications Account Manager, Rebecca Lamm, who would be taking up responsibility from 1 October.

23. Any other business

Oral

Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive, reported that she had thoroughly appreciated her first committee meeting experience with the East of England and acknowledged the quality of discussion and robust decision making.

The next meeting will be held on 8 December 2016.

Appendices:

Appendix I SF4 Second and first round applications for decision: Grants for Places of Worship

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Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
15a.	Breathing new life into St Margarets	The Parochial Church Council of St Margaret Church, Stanfield	AWARD GRANT OF £85,400 (75%)
15b.	Barningham Endeavour	St Mary the Virgin, Barningham Winter	AWARD GRANT OF £162,000 (75%)
15c.	All Saints Church, Wighton - 600th Anniversary Project Phase 2	All Saints Church, Wighton	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £249,600 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £18,300 (76% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15d.	King's Lynn Minster Welcome and Accessibility Project	PCC of St Margaret & St Nicholas, King's Lynn	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £241,500 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £23,800 (42% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15e.	Repairs to St Margaret's Church, Swannington, Norfolk	PCC St Margaret's Church	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £249,800 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £31,500 (79% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15f.	Carry out urgent, structural repairs to prevent fabric loss & deterioration of church building.	Raynham St Martin	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £121,400 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £19,000 (81% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15g.	Urgent structural repairs and wider engagement with the history of the church building	Harkstead Church Heritage	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £50,700 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £8,400 (71% OF TOTAL

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			ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15h.	Repair of rotting thatched Nave and Porch roofs, and the splitting Chancel east wall	St. Margaret's Church Herringfleet PCC	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £249,400 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £27,800 (79% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15i.	Making St Margaret's Church fit to serve the whole community for years to come	Sea Palling with Waxham PCC	REJECT
15j.	St. Lawrence Church, Ardeley, Tower Repairs	Church of St. Lawrence, Ardeley	REJECT