

Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for East Midlands Meeting on 7 September 2016

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Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for East Midlands held on Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 10.00 a.m. in the Executive Lounge at Derbyshire County Cricket Club, The 3aaa County Ground, Nottingham Road, Derby, DE21 6DA.

Members:

- Jim Harker (Chair)
- Heather Broughton
- Mo Cooper
- John Everitt
- Geoff Nickolds
- Atul Patel (Trustee)
- David Stocker

Committee Business

1. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair, Jim Harker, welcomed Tom Williams to his final meeting as Communications Manager. He also welcomed Alice Kershaw and Kion Ahadi from the London office as observers of the meeting and Charlotte Mulliner and Steve Little who were attending their first meetings as Grants Officers.

2. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Jim Harker declared an interest in item 15, the Silverstone Heritage Experience, as he was the former Leader and a current member of Northamptonshire County Council, who were providing funding. He was also a former Director of one of the project partners; Silverstone Circuits Ltd.

David Stocker a number of connections for noting:

- A Passion for People (item 7): He had contact with the project through role with the Lincoln Diocesan Advisory Committee.
- Under the GPOW Overview (item 11) he had prior knowledge of St Mary, Sutterton through his membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Advisory Committee.

The Committee were content that these did not constitute a conflict of interests.

John Everitt mentioned that a ranger would be employed by Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust for the King and Miller to Kingfisher project (item 8). He was a former employee of the Trust. The Committee were content that this did not constitute a conflict of interests.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 14 June 2016

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The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting, subject to one minor amendment to item 23.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

5. Regional overview

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Jonathan Platt presented the regional overview, providing an update on project activity and team news.

Projects

The Cromford Mills Creative Cluster and World Heritage Site Gateway Project had been shortlisted for a Heritage Angel Award by Historic England.

Amanda Turner highlighted the recent success of the 'When we were B-Boys' small grant in securing an award in New York.

Meetings

The development team had held a number of meetings across Erewash and Gedling, the team's new priority development areas.

6. Budget paper

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The Committee would need to prioritise applications as there were three first round cases totalling £3,921,800 against a budget of £1,583,333 giving a success rate of 40%.

One second round application had been received. There were sufficient monies to fund the project if the Committee were satisfied that the scheme was of high quality and delivered good value for money.

The Committee raised concerns around the available budget and the number of good quality applications which they were unable to fund. They questioned whether the team needed to consider encouraging applicants to apply for lower amounts of money so that the Committee could fund a higher number of smaller applications. They also considered the idea of earmarking some of the Committee Heritage Grants budget for smaller grants.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

7. A Passion for People, Boston

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Applicant: The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Boston

Request: First round pass of £1,329,200 including development grant of £162,500 (77%)

Project: A three year project to conserve and repair 'Boston Stump', a grade I listed building at risk. The scheme would increase the use and accessibility of St Botolph's Church and Library and develop interpretation. An associated programme of heritage activities would be delivered.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £1,329,200 including a development grant of £162,500 (77%).

8. The King and Miller to Kingfisher, Sutton-In-Ashfield

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Applicant: Ashfield District Council

Request: First round pass of £992,600 including development grant of £121,300 (69%)

Project: A scheme focused on the heritage of the River Maun mill industry. Repair and restoration works would be undertaken to two key gateways and the Kings Mill reservoir would be de-silted to enhance biodiversity and ensure that water activities could continue. A heritage trail would be

created linking Sutton in Ashfield to Mansfield. The proposals would promote public engagement with heritage and healthy lifestyle activities.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £992,600 including development grant of £121,300 (69%).

9. Revealing the Derby Story: Rediscovering Innovation

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Applicant: Derby Cathedral

Request: First round pass of £1,600,000 including development grant of £87,700 (44%)

Project: To ensure a sustainable future for Derby Cathedral through a series of repairs and public engagement activities. The project would remove pews and relay the nave floor to improve the context for an important James Gibbs interior. The scheme would also provide the opportunity to carry out archaeology under the nave. A programme of activities would be delivered.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application due to concerns raised.

10. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

During the case by case discussions, the Committee considered that:

- A Passion for People (item 7) and The King and Miller to Kingfisher (item 8) represented a high priority for support.
- Revealing the Derby Story (item 9) represented a low priority for support.

With reference to the budget for the meeting and projected pipeline for future meetings, the Committee decided to award first round passes to both A Passion for People and The King and Miller to Kingfisher.

11. Grants for Places of Worship Applications

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Amanda Turner, Grants Officer, presented the item.

In the East Midlands, two first round applications with a grant request of £448,600 were received against a regional budget of £500,000. The two cases (11a and b) underwent full assessment, and Historic England provided detailed technical advice to establish the urgency of the repair works. HLF assessment also looked at how well the applications met outcomes for communities.

The Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
11a.	Urgent Structural repairs to St James' Church, Shardlow and Great Wilne	St James' PCC	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £240,900 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £20,100 (71% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
11b.	St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Sutterton	Sutterton Parochial Church Council	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £207,700 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £25,500 (58% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Enterprise

12. The Engine Shed and Office Building, Northampton

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Applicant: University of Northampton Students' Union

Request: Award grant of £1,323,300 (32%)

Project: To restore and develop the Engine Shed as the Student Union building for the University of Northampton, securing its long term future. The scheme would complement the regeneration of the brownfield site, secure public access to the building and promote links between students, businesses and local residents.

Uplift: Project costs had risen from £3,687,831 to £4,182,316; however, the University had absorbed these costs, resulting in a small uplift of £4,600 (0%).

The Committee for the East Midlands **AWARDED** a grant of £1,323,300 (32%).

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Heritage Grants (November)

13. Leicester Cathedral Revealed

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Applicant: Leicester Cathedral

Request: First round pass of £3,325,000 including development grant of £330,000 (48%)

Project: To address repairs to the Cathedral as well as improvements to services, infrastructure and accessibility. The Old Song School would be demolished to create a new build extension for a Heritage Learning Centre and a new website platform would be created. A programme of heritage-related activities would be delivered to complement the scheme.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a **MEDIUM PRIORITY** for support.

SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Major Grants (November)

14. Revisioning Nottingham Castle - 1000 years of history

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Applicant: Nottingham City Council

Request: Award grant of £13,883,400 (47%)

Project: To create a coherent and exciting visitor experience, showcasing the heritage of Nottingham Castle and restoring pride to this historic landmark. Events at the castle would help interpret themes such as the Reform Act Riots, Luddites and Robin Hood. Access improvements would be made including a new arrival area and a choice of routes for visitors.

Uplift: £1,494,400 (12%) for additional urgent conservation repairs identified following detailed survey work. However, the grant intervention rate had reduced from 52% to 47%.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

15. The Silverstone Heritage Experience and Collections

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Applicant: Silverstone Heritage Ltd

Request: Award grant of £8,664,500 (46%)

Project: To showcase Silverstone's international heritage as the home of British Motorsport through an accredited museum and archive. The scheme would explain and interpret the heritage of Silverstone for today's audience and protect it for future generations. An interactive and educational visitor experience would be created and a comprehensive activity programme would be delivered.

Uplift: None.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

Items for discussion

16. Communications Report

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Tom Williams, Communications Manager, presented the report.

Mo Cooper had taken part in HLF's Changing Lives, a campaign identifying those whose lives had been improved through heritage, sharing her story on the HLF website.

An advocacy document had been commissioned and the Communications team hoped to be able to share this with Committee members in the coming months.

The State of UK parks report had been launched earlier on 7 September.

17. Landscape Partnerships Overview

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The Committee noted the overview.

18. Corporate Update

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Anne Jenkins, Deputy Director of Operations, presented an update on corporate activity.

19. Any other business

Oral

A tour of the site had been organised for anyone who wished to attend.

The Committee thanked Tom Williams for his support as Communications Manager over the past few years.

The next meeting will be held on 29 November 2016 in the Nottingham office.