

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the East Midlands Meeting on 9 March 2017

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Summary minutes of the meeting of the Committee for East Midlands held on Thursday 9 March at 10.30 a.m. in the Nottingham office.

Members:

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

Committee Business

1. Chair's Report

Oral

Jim Harker, Chair of the Committee for the East Midlands, presented his report.

Atul Patel had been reappointed for another year as NHMF Trustee and would remain a member of the Committee for the East Midlands during that time. Atul was an enthusiastic advocate for the region and members were delighted to note his reappointment.

Copies of the East Midland's first regional newsletter had been printed and circulated. Members were urged to disseminate this in digital format to relevant contacts.

2. Declarations of Interest

Oral

There were none.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 29 November 2016

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The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

5. Regional Overview

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Jonathan Platt, Head of HLF East Midlands, introduced the Overview.

Three Great Place scheme applications, two Heritage Endowment applications and five Kick the Dust applications had been received from across the East Midlands. The Skills for the Future Panel had recently awarded funding to two projects from the East Midlands and decisions on the others were awaited.

The Galleries of Justice project in Nottingham would soon be opening with events taking place throughout April. Bridgford Hall, the first complete Heritage Enterprise scheme in the East Midlands, was close to completion and its launch event would be attended by Ros Kerslake in June.

Development activity was levelling over after a busy period. With a lower budget next year, the emphasis was on encouraging quality applications. The Committee noted a high level of success in Boston, a priority development area.

A draft report of the work being undertaken by the University of Northampton had been received and would be presented to the June Committee meeting.

6. Budget Paper

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One first round application and two second applications had been received. Members noted that there were sufficient funds to support these projects, should they meet the quality threshold and provide good value for HLF funds.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision

7. Newark Castle Gatehouse Transformation Project

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Applicant: Newark & Sherwood District Council

Request: First Round Pass of £900,200 including Development Grant of £84,000 (69%)

Project: To repair and restore the Grade I listed Newark Castle and Gatehouse, to improve the visitor offer at the site. Alongside capital works, the project would develop a sustainable programme of training, volunteering and community involvement activities.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £900,200 including a development grant of £84,000 (69% of total eligible development funds).

8. Grants for Places of Worship Applications

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In the East Midlands two first round applications with a grant request of £349,700 were received against a regional budget of £530,000.

The following decisions were taken:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
8a.	St Mary the Virgin, Congerstone: Restoring and sharing our heritage	Bosworth Parochial Church Council	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £243,600 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £23,100 (76% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
8b.	Repairs to the Chancel Roof and improved heritage interpretation	Church of St Mary de Castro, Leicester	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £233,300 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £12,500 (50% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)

SF4 second round applications for decision

9. Sharing Jewish Heritage in Leicester

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Applicant: Leicester Hebrew Congregation

Request: Award grant of £1,157,400 (68%)

Uplift: £297,100 (35%), largely due to underpinning works required to secure the main fabric of the building.

Project: To develop a new education and visitor centre at the Grade II listed Leicester Jewish Congregation Synagogue, situated in the Highfields area of the City. The scheme would celebrate, share and make accessible Leicester's rich Jewish heritage. Proposals would construct a new-build extension creating a separate entrance for the education and visitor centre, refurbish the schoolrooms and improve access to and within the building through an external access ramp and lift. An education and activity programme would also be delivered.

The Committee for the East Midlands **AWARDED** a grant of £1,157,400 (68%)

10. Derelict Market Rasen station restoration - Creating managed workspace and providing local employment and a community facility

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Applicant: Market Rasen Station Community Project CIC

Request: Award grant of £463,900 (74%)

Uplift: £68,200 (17%) as a result of condition surveys which showed that stonework had significantly deteriorated and required higher level of repairs than was originally envisaged.

Project: An 18 month project to restore and renovate Market Rasen's Grade II Listed former railway station building to provide mixed use workspace and community and visitor facilities. An associated programme of activities would be delivered alongside capital works.

The Committee for the East Midlands **AWARDED** a grant of £463,900 (74%).

SF4 first round Board applications for recommendation: Heritage Grants

11. Leicester Cathedral Revealed

Oral

Applicant: Leicester Cathedral

Request: First Round Pass of £3,325,000, including Development Grant of £330,000 (48%)

Project: A programme of capital works for the Cathedral and its precinct to address repair needs, as well as shortcomings with its services, infrastructure and accessibility. The 1939 Old Song School would be demolished and replaced with a Heritage Learning Centre new build extension. An activities programme, supported by qualified staff and trained volunteers, would be developed.

The Committee for the East Midlands recommended the project as a **HIGH PRIORITY** to the Board.

Items for information

12. Communications Report

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Felix Gott, Communications Manager, provided an overview of communications in the region.

13. East Midlands: Heritage Index 2016 and Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2015
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Jonathan Platt introduced the paper, which contained updated information on the 40 East Midlands local authority areas drawn from the updated Heritage Index information published in October 2016, and grant award data to the end of March 2016.

Following discussion of the paper, the Committee felt that Corby and Ashfield should be a focus for development during the next strategic framework.

14. Major grants overview
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The Committee noted the overview.

15. Corporate Update
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The GPOW programme would be coming to a close towards the end of the year and going forward places of worship would be funded through Our Heritage and Heritage Grants programmes. New guidance would be introduced and communication would be managed over the coming months.

16. Any other business
Oral

There was none.

The next meeting would be held on 15 June 2017.