

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the East Midlands Meeting on 21 September 2017

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Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the East Midlands held on 21 September at 10.45 a.m. at Delapre Abbey, Northamptonshire.

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 the Committee and team to Northamptonshire.

He provided an update on his activity since the last meeting in June. He had attended:

- The launch of the Buxton Crescent Trust at the Pump Room on 20 June 2017.
- A small grants panel meeting in the Nottingham office.
- A meeting with Corby Borough Council, a priority development area, to talk to them about HLF's work.
- Meetings at Northamptonshire County Cricket Club and Northampton Saints to talk about the Sporting Lives campaign.
- Visits to Derby Silk Mill and Northampton Leather Museum.

2. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Heather Broughton declared an interest in item 23, *Derby Silk Mill* as she was on the Board of the Derby Museums Trust, the applicant.

John Everitt declared a conflict in item 20, *The Chronicles of Charnwood* as he was the Chief Executive of the National Forest Company, the applicant.

David Stocker declared an interest in item 17, *A Victorian vision of medieval majesty* as he was the Chair of the Heritage Trust's Advisory and Liaison Committee who were developing the project for the applicant. He also knew the scheme through his position on the Lincoln DAC.

David also noted a number of connections with projects for noting:

- St Oswald's Church (item 14g) was within the Lincoln Diocese, where he was the JCNAS appointee to the DAC.
- A resubmission for a project at St Wilfrid's (item 12) had been received. Since it was last rejected, David had visited the church to discuss the project and provide an academic steer on the research they hoped to undertake. However, the Committee considered that these connections did not represent conflicts of interest.
- The National Trust would provide advice and mentoring to the Pollinating the Peak project (item 16). David had recently been appointed to the Council of the National Trust.

Mo Cooper highlighted that she had previously been employed at St Ann's Allotments, one of three sites identified for us for the Nature in Mind project (item 8). The Committee considered this did not represent a conflict of interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 15 June 2017

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The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting, subject to two minor typographical amendments.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

5. Regional Overview

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Jonathan Platt, Head of HLF East Midlands, provided an update on projects in the East Midlands.

- Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site had been successful in securing a grant of £1,285,800 under the Great Place Scheme. A start up meeting had been held and project staff were being recruited.
- The Buxton Crescent project continued to progress. The large funding shortfall had been underwritten by Derbyshire County Council.
- Major grants projects at Silverstone, Lincoln Castle and Lincoln Cathedral were progressing well.

The Committee noted that in July the Spratton Local History Society had won the Northamptonshire Heritage Awards Organisation of the Year for their website. The Committee noted that there had been very clear HLF acknowledgement from the project.

Lesley Owen-Jones gave a brief update on development work in the region.

Jonathan Platt thanked the members for their attendance at meetings and visits in the region over the last quarter.

6. Budget paper

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There were six Heritage Grant first round cases seeking £4,776,400 against a budget of £1,262,750. The cases would therefore need to be prioritised.

There were also two second round Heritage Grant cases for decision. These were fundable as long as the Committee felt that they were of high quality and would deliver good value for money.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

7. Leicester Secular Hall Renewal; HG-17-00591

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Applicant: Leicester Secular Society

Request: First round pass of £265,100 including development grant of £18,600 (84% of eligible development costs).

Project: Four month project to undertake repairs to Leicester Secular Hall, a Victorian building in the centre of Leicester. Repairs would restore the building's architectural integrity and enhance the Humberstone Gate East façade. A programme of accompanying activities to engage the community with the heritage of the building would be delivered.

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

8. Nature in Mind; HG-16-07385

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Applicant: Framework Housing Association

Request: First round pass of £456,800, including development grant of £17,500 (68% of eligible development costs)

Project: Three year project to work with 450 excluded and vulnerable people across three Nottingham heritage sites. A programme of conservation, training and activities would be delivered in order to improve mental and physical health, as well as tackle issues including social isolation and loneliness.

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

9. Lincolnshire Limestone Becks; HG-16-01254

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Applicant: Lincolnshire Rivers Trust

Request: First round pass of £1,370,800, including development grant of £232,900 (70% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To carry out four large scale habitat improvement schemes to re-meander becks and reconnect them to their floodplains along with small scale projects along 12km of beck. Citizen science training would enable volunteer input to associated surveys, including water voles and a riverfly monitoring programme, and to undertake ongoing monitoring of water quality and wildlife. Activities for schools and community groups would also be delivered.

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

10. Revealing the Derby Story; HG-16-09580

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Applicant: Derby Cathedral

Request: First round pass of £1,599,900, including development grant of £231,100 (63% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Three year project to address the repair needs of the Cathedral, including to the nationally significant 20th Century organ, and reorder the nave of the cathedral in line the architect's original vision. Access and interpretation would be improved and the removal of pews and relaying of the Nave floor would present the opportunity to carry out archaeology under the Nave.

The Committee considered that the application represented a medium priority for support and **REJECTED** the application due to concerns raised.

11. Pilgrim Roots: The Separatists' Story, Mayflower 400 and beyond; HG-16-09426

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Applicant: Bassetlaw District Council

Request: First round pass of £486,400, including development grant of £38,600 (56% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Three year project connecting sites significant to the origins of the Mayflower Pilgrims story, creating a coherent narrative and a quality visitor offer. Capital works would be carried out to convert the former Tourist Information Centre in Retford into a dedicated Mayflower Pilgrims museum space, incorporating it into the adjacent Bassetlaw Museum building. A Mayflower Roots Trail connecting nine sites significant to the Pilgrims' story would be created with new

interpretation panels and a programme of community engagement activities across the trail site locations.

The Committee considered that the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £486,400 including development grant of £38,600 (56% of total eligible development costs).

12. The Transformation of St Wilfrid's; HG-17-00633

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Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of St Wilfrid's Church

Request: First round pass of £597,400, including development grant of £34,700 (46% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Repair works and re-ordering at St Wilfrid's Church in Barrow on Trent, making the building more welcoming, accessible and better equipped for community use. Activities would include volunteer research into the original Camera of the Knights Hospitallers, using research methods including LIDAR, a range of workshops on domestic life including medieval style bread making, ale making, toy making and willow basket weaving and heritage open days.

The Committee considered that the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £597,400, including development grant of £34,700 (46% of total eligible development costs).

13. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

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

- Pilgrim Roots (item 11) and The Transformation of St Wilfrid's (item 12) represented a high priority for support.
- Revealing the Derby Story (item 10) represented a medium priority for support.
- Leicester Secular Hall Renewal (item 7), Nature in Mind (item 8) and Lincolnshire Limestone Becks (item 9) represented a low priority for support.

The Committee awarded first round passes to the two high priority projects.

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

14. Grants for Places of Worship Applications

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In the East Midlands, seven first round applications with a grant request of £991,883 were received against a regional budget of £319,366 for the meeting. At the initial sift; Historic England agreed with HLF that the four of these applications should not be taken forward to full assessment as they were not considered to be of sufficient urgency (10d-g). The remaining three cases (14a-c) underwent full assessment.

The Committee decided:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
14a.	Renovation of the medieval Woodville tower and preservation of the 14 th century Woodville tomb	Grafton Regis Church of St Mary the Virgin	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £136,500 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £12,100 (60% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
14b.	A Walk Across the Rooftops	ISKCON Leicester	REJECT
14c.	Stabilisation to the Steeple of St Mary Magdalen Parish Church, Knighton	PCC of St Mary Magdalen Parish Church, Knighton	REJECT

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
14d.	Independent Ikeston	Ikeston United Reformed Church	REJECT
14e.	Repair of roof ensuring water tightness of Rampton all Saints' Church, Rampton	All Saints' Church Rampton LEP	REJECT
14f.	Repairs, stained glass appreciation, and history of two Deserted Medieval Villages	All Saints Church Lowesby	REJECT
14g.	The restoration of St Oswald's Church	St Oswald's Church, East Lindsey	REJECT

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Townscape Heritage

15. The enhancement and regeneration of Worksop's historic commercial street and forgotten spaces; TH-14-09439

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Grantee: Bassetlaw District Council

Request: £1,282,400 (55%)

Uplift: N/A

Project: Scheme focused on Bridge Street in the Worksop Conservation Area to bring under-used buildings and spaces back in to use and opening up more of the conservation area to improve the retail and business offer of this part of the town. Repairs would be carried out to nine high priority and three medium priority buildings, with 11 in reserve. An associated activity programme would be delivered.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £1,350,200 including a development grant of £67,800 (73% of total eligible development costs) in January 2016.

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £1,282,400 (55%).

SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Heritage Grants

16. Pollinating the Peak; HG-15-02771

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Applicant: Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Request: £719,900 (76%)

Uplift: N/A

Project: To improve the populations and habitats of wild bees and other insect pollinators, with a particular focus on the native Dark Peak Bilberry bumblebee. The scheme would tie in with national and regional strategies addressing the significant decline of pollinators over recent years. A series of activities would be delivered to address the current lack of understanding of bumblebees in the area, work with landowners to help them better manage land and enhance habitats, and put into place initiatives to improve the sustainability and growth of the species. The scheme's STEM programme would give school and college students real lab based opportunities for bee research.

The Committee for the East Midlands awarded a first round pass of £872,200 including a development grant of £152,300 (75% of total eligible development costs) in March 2016.

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £719,900 (76%).

17. A Victorian vision of medieval majesty in rural Lincolnshire: Conservation, community and continuity; HG-13-01174

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Applicant: Algarkirk Parochial Church Council

Request: £1,789,100 (68%)

Uplift: £565,200 (46%) due to significant cost increases and undercosting at first round. Repairs to the bell frame were now required and staffing had increased to include two new key posts. Increased match funding of £405,700 and in-kind and voluntary contributions of £113k had been secured.

Project: To conserve the Grade I listed St Peter and St Paul's Church in Algarkirk to create a community hub for events and exhibitions and a centre for heritage research. Repair and conservation of the church would be undertaken including roof and masonry repairs, stained glass windows and painted chancel scheme. A kitchenette, café and library and worship area would be created. An associated programme of learning and participation opportunities would be delivered.

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £1,789,100 (68%).

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Landscape Partnership

18. Landscape Partnerships Overview

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The Committee noted the Overview.

19. Nenescape: Revealing the hidden stories of the Nene Valley; LP-15-00984

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Grantee: River Nene Regional Park CIC

Request: £2,627,600 (56%)

Uplift: N/A

Project: To improve the management and appreciation of the Nene valley, uncovering its hidden stories. Access and interpretation would be enhanced for visitors and training and apprenticeships in heritage skills would be delivered.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £2,865,900, including a development grant of £208,300 (65% of total eligible development costs) in October 2015.

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £2,627,600 (56%).

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation (October): Landscape Partnerships

20. The Chronicles of Charnwood; LP-16-02021

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Applicant: National Forest Company

Request: First round pass of £2,943,700, including development grant of £176,400 (73%)

Project: Five year project to celebrate the legacy of Charnwood's rich volcanic origins, interpreting its landscape and the wildlife and people that inhabit it. A joined up network of walking and cycling routes would be created with themed guides to navigating the area, whether by foot, cycle, bus or rail. An extensive activity programme would include research into local heritage by local groups

and universities, arts and events and a schools programme. A coordinated approach to protecting geology, wildlife habitats and species would be established, access to historic buildings improved and the local visitor economy boosted.

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

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation (September): Landscape Partnerships

21. The Leaves of Southwell; HG-16-02830

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Applicant: Southwell Minster

Request: First round pass of £2,209,300 including development grant of £299,700 (85% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To repair and conserve the high Quire roof of the Grade I Southwell Minster, address damage in the Chapter House and conserve important 13th Century stone carvings. A programme of activities and interpretation focussing on heritage learning would be delivered including apprenticeships, behind the scenes access to conservation work and demonstrations by stone masons and wood carvers at public, school, adult learning and outreach events.

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

22. Glossop Halls; HE-16-01606

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Applicant: High Peak Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £4,799,900, including development grant of £183,500,700 (63% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To renovate, preserve and generate a new sustainable use of Glossop Town Hall, Municipal Buildings and Market Hall, three underused buildings in need of repair. The scheme would regenerate Glossop by restoring, converting and giving access to the building complex as a mixed use development for the public, community groups, retailers and local businesses, with a particular focus on the development of the cultural and creative industries sectors.

The Committee for the East Midlands recommended the project to the Board for **REJECTION**.

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

23. Derby Silk Mill - Museum of Making; HG-14-05363

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Grantee: Derby Museums

Request: £8,570,400 (55%)

Uplift: N/A

Project: Five year project to repair, develop and re-open the Derby Silk Mill as Derby's Museum of Making, revealing for the first time its full scale and extent. The scheme would engage the public in project delivery as 'citizen curators' and 'co-producers' in order to build pride in the city's industrial heritage and to re-introduce manufacturing to the site of the world's first fully mechanised factory. An associated programme of activities would be delivered.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £9,387,700 including a development grant of £797,300 (53% of total eligible development costs) in April 2015.

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

Papers for information

24. Communications Report

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Jonathan Platt updated the Committee on communications in the region.

There had been success in the region with a high level of coverage over the summer and a well-received regional newsletter.

A campaign would be taking place in December to thank and acknowledge Lottery players.

25. Corporate Update

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Anne Jenkins provided a brief update on corporate activity.

Recommendations had been received from the tailored review and would be discussed by the Board at their meeting the following Tuesday.

26. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting would be held on 30 November 2017 in the Nottingham office.