

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the East Midlands Meeting on 30 November 2017

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Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for East Midlands held on 30 November 2017 at 10.00 a.m. at the Nottingham Office.

Members:

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

Committee Business

1. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair, Jim Harker, welcomed Jim Dixon to his first meeting of the Committee for the East Midlands. The Committee expressed their gratitude to Atul Patel for his work and dedication to the Committee and were pleased to note that he would attend the Committee meeting in March to say goodbye. Felix Gott, Communications Manager for the East Midlands, would be leaving HLF in December.

Jim provided an update on his activity since the last meeting in June.

2. Declaration of interest

David Stocker declared an interest in item 16, Save the Old King's Head, Boston. He was the Chair of the Heritage Trust for Lincolnshire's Advisory and Liaison Committee.

David Stocker and Geoff Nickolds declared an interest in Reconnecting Grantham (item 10). David was currently a National Trust Council Member and Geoff had been a Council member until October 2016.

Under the GPOW item (8), David also mentioned his role Lincoln Diocesan Advisory Committee. The Committee were content that this did not constitute a conflict of interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 21 September 2017

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The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

5. Regional overview

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Jonathan Platt provided an update on the East Midlands region.

Jonathan mentioned that the team had identified four potential locations for the 2018 Committee away day: Buxton, Lincoln, Worksop and Boston. The Committee identified Lincoln as their preference for the next off-site meeting.

6. East Midlands Team Business Plan - Half Year Review

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The Committee noted the paper.

7. Budget paper

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There were three Heritage Grant first round cases seeking £2,016,600 against a budget of £1,097,225. The cases would therefore need to be prioritised.

There was one second round Heritage Grant case for decision. This was fundable as long as the Committee felt that the project was of high quality and would deliver good value for money.

The Committee also noted that the rapid rejection process had been re-introduced for first round projects which did not meet the programme criteria and were clearly unsupportable. These decisions would be delegated to the Director and Deputy Director of Operations.

Lottery income update

Anne Jenkins updated the Committee on recent Board discussions. In light of income changes, HLF would need to take a more prudent view of spending and commitments. The Board had considered a range of options at its November meeting.

The Board had set a priority of protecting existing investment whilst still allowing for fresh investment and distributed spend. When making decisions, project quality would be a key consideration and a budget would be set below income for the coming years. The Board had decided to introduce a change in delegation for Committees to £1m in 2018 and to set budgets for second round at Committee and Board with an emphasis on increased competition. There would be a pause in grant giving towards the end of the 2018-19 financial year in advance of the new Funding Framework including no new grants under the targeted programmes. Committee budgets would be trimmed by 10% for this financial year.

8. Grants for Places of Worship Applications

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The Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision	Project Reference
8a.	Long Bennington St Swithun's Making Our Heritage Live	Long Bennington PCC	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £159,700 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £16,900 (65% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-17-02406
8b.	Roof repairs to St Peter's Church, Highfields, Leicester	St Peter's Parochial Church Council	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £195,600 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £11,200 (56% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-17-01934
8c.	Roof repair All Saints Middleton Cheney	All Saints Church PCC, Middleton Cheney	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £233,800 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £29,700 (68% OF TOTAL	GP-17-02512

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			ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	
8d.	Tower Crusade at Heather - securing our heritage for future generations	St John the Baptist church, Heather	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £182,600 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £13,000 (56% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-17-00945
8e.	Roof Repairs at St Michael & All Angels, Loddington	St Michael & All Angels Church, Loddington	REJECT	GP-17-01221
8f.	Urgent repairs to Church Tower and rainwater system	Church of St John the Baptist Little Stretton	REJECT	GP-17-00874
8g.	Perlethorpe Church Project	St John the Evangelist Church PCC, Perlethorpe	REJECT	GP-17-02514
8h.	Urgent structural repairs to St Peter's Church	St Peter's Church Radford	REJECT	GP-17-03241
8i.	Church Tower Repointing	All Saints Church, South Wingfield	REJECT	GP-16-04462
8j.	St. Peter's Church Roof and Heritage	St Peter's Church, Nottingham	REJECT	GP-16-05194
8k.	Urgent repair of the tower, spire and roof	All Saints Parish Church, Mackworth	REJECT	GP-15-02092
8l.	Undertake urgent structural repairs	St. John the Baptist Church, South Croxton	REJECT	GP-16-05896
8m.	Urgent Repairs and Heritage Engagement	St Egelwin's Church, Scalford	REJECT	GP-16-08554
8n.	Re-casting and re-leading of nave roof	St Mary's Church, Wirksworth	REJECT	GP-17-01464

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

9. A Right Good Yarn - retold for a relevant and resilient future – Ruddington

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Applicant: Ruddington Framework Knitters' Museum Limited

Request: First round pass of £990,100 including development grant of £213,900 (84%)

Project: A programme of repair and conservation to Ruddington Framework Knitters' Museum. The visitor offer would be transformed and new audiences reached through new interpretation, enhanced facilities and increased access to collections. A range of activities would be provided

including training for staff and volunteers in customer service, collections care and health and wellbeing.

The Committee for the East Midlands agreed the application represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application.

10. Reconnecting Grantham to its historic landscape

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David Stocker and Geoff Nickolds left the room before discussion commenced.

Applicant: The Woodland Trust

Request: First round pass of £492,900 including development grant of £64,700 (39%)

Project: A scheme delivered in partnership by the Woodland Trust and the National Trust to reconnect the historic Brownlow estate, near Grantham, Lincolnshire. New interpretation, facilities and improved access would enhance the visitor offer and a programme of conservation and long-term ecological monitoring would be carried out to protect wildlife and habitats.

The Committee for the East Midlands agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £492,900, including development grant of £64,700 (39% of total eligible development costs).

11. Hidden Heritage Secret Streams: Rediscovering the Rivers of the Upper Rother Catchment

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Applicant: Don Catchment Rivers Trust

Request: First round pass of £533,600 including development grant of £57,300 (66%)

Project: To improve, protect and promote the natural and industrial heritage of the Upper River Rother catchment area in North East Derbyshire. 700 metres of straightened river would be restored back to its natural meander. 700 volunteers would be recruited to improve and restore natural habitats across the catchments area by planting trees, laying hedgerows, tackling invasive vegetation and litter picking. Local communities would be engaged through a Citizen Science project, collecting, recording and analysing species and habitats data.

The Committee for the East Midlands agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £533,600 including development grant of £57,300 (66% of total eligible development costs).

12. Prioritisation

Oral

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

- Reconnecting Grantham to its historic landscape (item 10) and Hidden Heritage Secret Streams (item 11) represented a high priority for support
- A Right Good Yarn (item 9) represented a low priority for support.

The two high priority projects were awarded first round passes.

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

13. Heritage and Health: Returning the Heritage to the Old Library and Museum, Worksop

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Grantee: Aurora Wellbeing Centre

Request: Award grant of £1,567,700 (76%)

Uplift: £327,700 (26%) due to cost increases with the majority attributed to capital works. Partnership funding had also increased and the grant rate had reduced from 82% to 76%.

The Committee for the East Midlands had awarded a first round pass of £1,371,300 including a development grant of £131,300 (82%).

The Committee for the East Midlands **AWARDED** a grant of £1,567,700 (76%).

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

14. Bennerley Viaduct: Connecting Communities, Conserving Heritage

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Applicant: Sustrans

Request: First round pass of £4,645,700 including development grant of £506,700 (69%)

Project: To repair and re-use the Grade II* listed Bennerley Viaduct, in the borough of Erewash, Derbyshire. The wrought iron viaduct and was now disused and at risk. The Viaduct would be restored and used as a walking and cycling route with disabled access. The site's natural heritage would be enhanced through habitat management and a range of activities would engage visitors and locals with the scheme.

The Committee for the East Midlands recommended the project as a **HIGH PRIORITY (2 OF 2)** for support.

15. The Next Chapter: Extending the Impact of the National Holocaust Centre and Museum

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Applicant: Beth Shalom Limited

Request: First round pass of £4,804,800 including development grant of £384,700 (36%)

Project: To expand the Museum's facilities and increase learning and understanding about the Holocaust and its causes. The museum and its grounds would be transformed with outdated facilities refurbished and new buildings created. Exhibition space would be doubled and partnerships with academic bodies and new digital courses would enable the museum's educational programmes to be delivered across the UK via a new "Hub and Spoke" model.

The Committee for the East Midlands recommended the project as a **HIGH PRIORITY (1 OF 2)** for support.

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

16. Save the Old King's Head, Boston

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David Stocker left the room before discussion commenced.

Grantee: Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire

Request: Award grant of £1,987,300 (72%)

Uplift: £142,200 (8%) due to cost increases. However, partnership funding had increased and the grant intervention rate had dropped from 78% to 72%.

Project: To repair and restore the Grade II listed Old King's Head to become a high quality heritage destination and provide it with a new use, ensuring its future. The building would be used as an

artisan café, deli, community meeting space and 4* bed and breakfast accommodation and outbuildings as a self-catering unit, two commercial/business/retail spaces and one micro-brewery. Activities would include workshops, talks, hard hat tours of the building works, community archaeology sessions and tour guide training.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £2,118,500 including a development grant of £273,400 (83%) in July 2015.

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

Items for information

17. Parks for People Overview

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The Parks for People Overview was noted.

18. Communications Report

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Felix Gott, Communications Manager, updated the Committee on communications in the region.

He mentioned that over 400 organisations had now signed up to the Thanks To You scheme across the UK. HLF had driven the campaign forward on behalf of all the National Lottery distributors. An interactive map was available to show the organisations taking part.

The Chair thanked Felix Gott for his work as Communications Manager.

19. Corporate Update

20. Overview of Single Round Grants and Delegated Decision Making

21. Annual Report on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The Committee noted the items.

22. Any other business

Mo Cooper provided feedback from the HLF knowledge briefing on Embedding Inclusion that she had recently attended. This was a pilot scheme and HLF would be rolling out the training more widely. Jim Harker also fed back from the knowledge briefing on crowd funding.

The next meeting would be held on 8 March 2018.