

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the East Midlands Meeting on 9 June 2015

CEM 2015 (2)

Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for the East Midlands held on Tuesday 9 June 2015 at 10.00 a.m. in the East Midlands office.

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

1. **Declarations of Interest**

Oral

David Stocker declared a conflict with item 19, The Old Kings Head. He was the Chair of the Advisory and Liaison Committee at the Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire, the applicant. The Committee had discussed the application on a number of occasions.

John Everitt mentioned that his former employer, the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, was mentioned as a partner in the Bramcote Old Church Tower Restoration project, item 15. The Committee was content that this did not constitute a conflict of interests.

- **Parks for People (June Board)**

2. **Parks for People Overview**

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The Committee noted the Overview.

3. **Victoria Embankment & Meadows Recreation Ground Heritage Restoration & Regeneration Project; PP-14-06155**

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Nottingham City Council sought a first round pass of £3,067,400 including a development grant of £191,400 (59%) to restore and improve the Victoria Embankment and Meadows Recreation Ground. Key heritage features would be conserved and access to the park would be improved. A multi-purpose pavilion would be created and a programme of events and activities would be delivered.

The HLF Committee for the East Midlands and Big Lottery Fund recommended the project for **REJECTION**. The Board would determine the application in June 2015.

4. **Chair's Report**

Oral

The Chair, Jim Harker, welcomed Carole Souter, Chief Executive of the Heritage Lottery Fund, to the meeting. They had visited Lincoln Castle the previous day where Carole had delivered a speech.

He reported:

- On the success of the East Midlands at the Major Grants Board meeting in April. There was now a live Major Grants scheme in every county in the East Midlands.

- He had attended the announcement of the Derby Silk Mill award and was disappointed that HLF had not been mentioned.
- He had attended the meeting of Country and Regional Chairs in May.
- He had met with Sir Peter Luff, the new NHMF Chair in May.
- Peter Luff had visited the East Midlands in his role as Chair. The Chair thanked Mo Cooper for her help in showing Peter round St Ann's Allotments.

5. Minutes of the meeting on 10 March 2015 **CEM 2015 (2) 5**

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

6. Matters arising from the minutes **Oral**

There were none.

7. East Midlands Annual Report 2014-2015 **CEM 2015 (2) 7**

Vanessa Harbar, Head of HLF East Midlands, presented the report.

She noted the success of the East Midlands at Board level, receiving over £40m over the course of the last year.

8. Regional overview **CEM 2015 (2) 8**

Vanessa Harbar presented the overview.

The team was planning to set up a peer networking meeting for Major Grant grantees.

9. Budget paper **CEM 2015 (2) 9**

Six first round applications had been received totalling £6,926,400 against a first round pass budget of £1,725,000. There were insufficient monies in the budget to support all first round passes and therefore cases would need to be prioritised.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision

- **Heritage Grants**

10. Sharing Jewish Heritage in Leicester; HG-14-05185 **CEM 2015 (2) 10**

Leicester Hebrew Congregation sought a first round pass of £942,000 including a development grant of £81,700 (74%) for a three year project to develop a new learning and visitor centre in a Grade II listed synagogue. The proposals would refurbish the schoolrooms, carry out structural works to the basement and construct a new extension to improve access to the building. An associated education and activity programme would be delivered.

This was a resubmission of an application rejected by the Committee for the East Midlands in June 2013.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £942,000 including a development grant of £81,700 (74%)

11. Stoneygate Tram Depot - Leicester Road Transport Heritage and Resource Centre; HG-14-03424 **CEM 2015 (2) 11**

Leicester Transport Heritage Trust sought a first round pass of £1,933,500 including a development grant of £171,300 (80%) to develop a transport heritage resource centre in an Edwardian tram depot. The building and outbuildings would be restored, with new galleries, archive storage areas and a shop and cafe created. Proposals would also catalogue and digitise the applicant's collections. A heritage related apprenticeship scheme and activities programme would be delivered.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a medium priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of the concerns raised.

12. Discovering Lincolnshire's Aviation World War I Stories: The Country's Bastion in the Air; HG-14-09053 **CEM 2015 (2) 12**

West Lindsey District Council, in partnership with Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage, sought a first round pass of £371,700 without development funding for a project to coincide with First World War commemorations, raising awareness of Lincolnshire's contribution to aviation. A further programme of activities would be delivered, focusing around the creation of the world's first air force, the Royal Air Force, which would be commemorating its 100th anniversary in 2018.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £371,700 without development funding.

13. All Change! For Swanwick Junction Museum Complex; HG-14-07738 **CEM 2015 (2) 13**

The Midland Railway Trust Limited (MRT) sought a first round pass of £1,808,600 including a development grant of £66,400 (48%) to deliver a capital and activities project, primarily centred around the Matthew Kirtley Building. The scheme would provide a suitable environment to protect, preserve, display and interpret significant aspects of railway heritage within the larger Stanwick Junction rail complex. In addition, access would be improved to the collections and new education and research facilities would be provided.

This was a resubmission of an application rejected by the Committee for the East Midlands in June 2014.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a medium priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of the concerns raised and the available budget.

14. The Aurora Memorial Wellbeing Centre, Worksop; HG-14-09251 **CEM 2015 (2) 14**

The Aurora Wellbeing Centre sought a first round pass of £1,514,900 including a development grant of £128,300 (81%) to repair and restore the Aurora Memorial Wellbeing Centre in Worksop to ensure the future of this Grade II listed building. A dedicated heritage area and virtual museum would be created with interpretation. An activities programme would be delivered, with links developed to incorporate heritage into the therapeutic work of the charity.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of the available budget.

15. Bramcote Old Church Tower Community project; HG-14-04783 **CEM 2015 (2) 15**

Bramcote Old Church Tower Trust sought a first round pass of £355,700 including a development grant of £50,800 (75%) to deliver a project of essential repairs to this Grade II listed building, making it more accessible. Research would be carried out to interpret its history for a wider audience. An associated programme of 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 £355,700 including a development grant of £50,800 (75%).

16. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

During the case by case discussions, the Board agreed that:

- *Sharing Jewish Heritage in Leicester (item 10), Discovering Lincolnshire's Aviation World War I Stories (item 12), The Aurora Memorial Wellbeing Centre (item 14) and Bramcote Old Church Tower Community project (item 15)* represented high priority for support
- *Stoneygate Tram Depot (item 11), All Change! (item 13)* represented medium priority for support

The medium priority cases were also rejected in light of the available budget.

During discussion of the high priority cases, Sharing Jewish Heritage in Leicester, Discovering Lincolnshire's Aviation World War I Stories and Bramcote Old Church Tower Community project were identified as the highest priority for support and first round passes were awarded. The Aurora Memorial Wellbeing Centre was rejected in light of the available budget.

- **Grants for Places of Worship**

17. Grants for Places of Worship Applications

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In East Midlands, three first round applications with a grant request of £340,600 were received against a regional budget of £174,898. At the initial sift, Historic England advice was that one case did not demonstrate that the works applied for were as urgently needed as the other two. Following discussions with the Director of Finance and Corporate Services it was agreed that there would be sufficient budget available to East Midlands should Committee decide to fund both applications recommended for award.

The Committee made the following decisions:

17a	St Johns Church & Village Community Project, Alkmonton	St Johns Church Alkmonton PCC	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £138,700 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £17,700 (89% OF TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-14-09283
17b	Urgent structural repairs to St Helena's Church, Thoroton	PCC of St Helena's Church, Thoroton.	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £136,500 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £16,400 (76% OF TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-14-08029
17c	Urgent structural repairs to Thorpe Langton Church	Thorpe Langton PCC	REJECT	GP-14-08006

SF4 Second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

- **Heritage Grants: July Meeting**

18. Brackley Town Hall Restoration Project, Northamptonshire; HG-12-11502

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Brackley Town Council sought a grant to restore and adapt a Grade II listed Town Hall in order for it to return to function at the centre of community life in Brackley. The building would be repaired to provide improved community facilities, a brasserie and self-catering accommodation. A strong programme of learning and participation opportunities involving young people and volunteers would also be delivered.

The Board approved a first round pass of £2,299,900 including a development grant of £100,500 (90% of eligible development costs) in March 2014.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support. The Board would determine the application in July 2015.

SF4 First round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

- **Heritage Enterprise: July Meeting**

19. The Old Kings Head; HE-14-10475

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David Stocker declared an interest in the item and left the room before discussion commenced.

The Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire sought a first round pass of £2,118,500 including a development grant of £253,400 (77%) to purchase and repair the Old Kings Head, a significant historic building in Kirton listed on Historic England's Buildings at Risk Register. The building would be used as a café and self-catering and bed and breakfast holiday accommodation. Training opportunities would be delivered including courses and more practical training in traditional skills.

Overall, the Committee considered that the project represented a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support due to its heritage interest, age and the building had no other options. The Board would determine the application in July 2015.

Items for information

20. East Midlands Team Operating Plan 2015-2016

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Vanessa Harbar presented the Operating Plan.

The team were hoping to organise a Committee away day in Leicester during 2015/16.

21. Annual Review of Delegated Decisions

CEM 2015 (2) 21

Vanessa Harbar reported that there had been considerably more interest in Start Up grants. Applications for small grants had risen in 2014/15.

22. Communications Report

CEM 2015 (2) 22

Tom Williams, Communications Manager, presented the Communications Report.

There had been good coverage of the three major grants awarded by the Board in April. There had also been successful openings at Lincoln Castle and the National Civil War Centre in Newark.

23. Communications Plan 2015-2016	CEM 2015 (2) 23
24. Corporate Update	CEM 2015 (2) 24
25. Minutes of the meeting of Country and Regional Chairs	CEM 2015 (2) 25

The Committee noted the items.

26. Any other business	Oral
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There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 15 September 2015.