

Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for the North East Meeting on 13 September 2016

CNE 2016 (3)

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the North East held on 13 September 2016 at 10.00 a.m. in the Newcastle office

Members:

- Chris Mullin (Chair)
- Jim Cokill
- Richard Evans
- Niall Hammond
- Richard Morris (Trustee)
- Lynn Turner

Apologies:

- Stacy Hall

Committee Business

1. Welcomes and apologies

Oral

Apologies were noted from Stacy Hall.

2. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair provided an update on his activities since the previous meeting, which included:

- Attending the reopening of the Fusiliers Museum of Northumberland at Alnwick Castle.
- Attending the 200th anniversary celebrations at Bolam Lake.
- Attending the July NHMF Board meeting.

The Chair would be retiring from the role on 31 March 2017 and the advertisement for the position had been circulated to Committee members, who were requested to share this with their networks.

3. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Richard Evans declared a conflict of interest in item 19, Remaking Beamish, as he was the Director of Beamish Museum, the applicant. He would leave the room for the discussion of the item.

Lynn Turner declared a conflict of interest in item 16, Living Wild at Kielder, as she was the Director of the Kielder Water and Forest Park Development Trust, the applicant. She would leave the room for the discussion of the item.

Chris Mullin declared a conflict of interest in item 16, Living Wild at Kielder, as he was the Chairman of the Northumberland Wildlife Trust, a partner in the application. He would leave the room for the discussion of the item.

4. Minutes of last meeting on 16 June 2016

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

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

Oral

There were none.

6. North East Regional Overview

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Ivor Crowther presented the overview for the region.

7. North East Budget

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Ivor Crowther presented the budget paper.

Four Heritage Grant applications had been received with a total request of £1,944,400 against a budget of £861,866. The round was competitive and Committee would be required to prioritise cases.

SF4 Heritage Grants application for noting

- **Decision between meetings**

8. Restoring Ratty: the return of the Water Vole to Kielder Forest

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Applicant: Northumberland Wildlife Trust Ltd

Request: Award grant of £421,900 (70% of total eligible costs)

Project: A five-year project, co-ordinated and delivered by the Kielder Water Vole Partnership (KWVP) to reintroduce and create robust water vole colonies in the Kielder catchment area and deliver an associated activity programme to engage people in water vole heritage. A curriculum-linked schools education programme would be delivered, along with open days and an events programme to engage local people and visitors to the area.

In a decision between meetings, five committee members had voted to support the project and an award of £421,900 (70% of total eligible costs) was made.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

9. Restore and Open Cresswell's Pele Tower including community archive and archaeology projects

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Applicant: Cresswell Parish Council

Request: First round pass of £770,500 including development grant of £93,200 (78% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A two-year project to restore Cresswell Tower. Capital works would be undertaken and interpretation introduced to the building along with public access. A programme of volunteer and community activity would be delivered to engage people with its heritage.

Committee agreed that the project was a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £770,500 including development grant of £93,200 (78% of total eligible development costs).

10. Kirkleatham Walled Garden, Horticultural Training Centre and Catering Academy

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Applicant: Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £463,600 including development grant of £73,800 (89% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A two and a half year project to restore the walled garden of the Kirkleatham Estate, part of a wider project to establish a new catering academy and restaurant within the walled garden site. The project would undertake archaeological investigations to determine the original garden layout. Vegetation would be cleared, planting beds and orchards established and walls and pathways restored. A Garden Development Officer would be recruited and a programme of activities developed and delivered to engage the local community and schools.

Committee agreed that the project was a high priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in the light of the available budget.

11. Accessing Aidan

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Applicant: Bamburgh Heritage Trust

Request: First round pass of £390,300 including development grant of £43,700 (93% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A three year project to develop a heritage hub in Bamburgh at the Church of St Aidan. The crypt in the Church would be the main focus of the project, and would be developed as a high quality interpretation space. An accompanying outreach programme would incorporate a schools programme, educational resources, guided walks and events.

Committee agreed that the project was a high priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in the light of the available budget.

12. Hexham Riverside – access to and interpretation of the River Tyne’s natural heritage

Oral

Applicant: Tyne Rivers Trust

Request: First round pass of £320,000 including development grant of £34,300 (78% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A three and a half year natural heritage project focusing on the River Tyne and its tributaries as they pass through the town of Hexham. The project would engage the wider community, increasing accessibility, and encourage stewardship of the river. A new orientation hub would provide visitors with information on the river and its ecology, including the fish migrations. A Migration Festival would be established and a programme of community and schools activities would be delivered.

Committee agreed that the project was a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in the light of the concerns raised.

13. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

During the case by case discussions, Committee considered that:

- Restore and Open Cresswell’s Pele Tower including community archive and archaeology projects (item 9); Kirkleatham Walled Garden, Horticultural Training Centre and Catering Academy (item 10) and Accessing Aidan (item 11) were high priorities for support.
- Hexham Riverside – access to and interpretation of the River Tyne’s natural heritage (item 12) was a low priority for support.

It was agreed Hexham Riverside (item 12) would be rejected due to the concerns raised.

It was agreed Restore and Open Cresswell's Pele Tower (item 9) was the highest priority of the remaining cases and Committee awarded a first round pass.

Kirkleatham Walled Garden (item 10) and Accessing Aidan (item 11) were rejected due to budgetary constraints.

Grants for Places of Worship

14. GPOW Overview Paper

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Three first round applications with a grant request of £309,200 were received against a regional budget of £301,533. At the initial sift, Historic England advice indicated that one case did not demonstrate that the works applied for were urgently required. The remaining two cases underwent full assessment and Historic England provided detailed technical advice to establish the urgency of the repair works. Assessment by HLF also looked at how well the applications met outcomes for communities. These two factors were used to arrive at the overall priority for the batch.

Committee made the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Recommendation	Decision
14a.	An Oasis of Peace in the City Centre: St John's Restoration and Conservation Project	St John's Restoration and Development Trust	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £192,300 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £3,300 (87% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £192,300 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £3,300 (87% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
14a	Roof replacement, rainwater disposal, toilet, freshwater supply and community facility	St George's Church Mickley	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £84,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £10,200 (91% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £84,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £10,200 (91% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
14a.	External Stonework Repairs	St James' United Reformed Church	REJECT	REJECT

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants and Townscape Heritage

15. 150th Anniversary of Newbiggin by the Sea's life-saving Rocket House, 1866-2016

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Grantee: Newbiggin Heritage Partnership

Request: A grant of £153,200 (74% of total eligible delivery costs)

Project: To restore Newbiggin's Rocket House and make it accessible for visitors to enable them to appreciate its heritage and better understand the role of the Newbiggin Volunteer Life Saving Brigade.

First round pass: Committee awarded a first round pass of £171,400 including development grant of £26,300 (63% of total eligible development costs) in March 2015.

Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £153,200 (74% of total eligible delivery costs)

16. Living Wild at Kielder

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Lynn Turner and Chris Mullin declared conflicts of interest and left the room for the discussion of the item.

Grantee: Kielder Water & Forest Park Development Trust

Request: A grant of £336,300 (66%)

Project: A two-year project to bring more people of all ages into contact with the nature and wildlife of Kielder Water and Forest Park (KWFP). A programme of events would be delivered, enabling learning, promoting appropriate behaviour and inspiring action for wildlife. Schools engagement activities would encourage new schools to visit. Nature hubs would be developed and enhanced interpretative material produced. A volunteering programme would recruit and train 60 volunteers.

First round pass: Committee had awarded a first round pass of £341,500 including a development grant of £17,700 (60% of total eligible development costs) in November 2015.

Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £336,300 (66% of total eligible delivery costs).

17. NE1 Bigg Market Project – Giving a Historic Heart Back to Newcastle

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Grantee: Newcastle NE1 Limited

Request: A grant of £1,625,100 (54% of total eligible delivery costs)

Project: A four-year project to rejuvenate the Bigg Market by promoting the preservation and enhancement of its historic buildings and public space. A quality, attractive environment would be created which would encourage investment, enterprise and employment and improve the quality of life in the city. Repair works would be undertaken to priority buildings and shop fronts, a Locally Listed Victorian WC would be restored and a design scheme based on traditional precedents would be created. Engagement plans would expand on Old Newcastle activities, creating a heritage-led attraction that would strengthen city-wide partnerships.

First round pass: Board had awarded a first round pass of £1,837,900 including a development grant of £202,800 (85% of total eligible development costs) in January 2015.

Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £1,625,100 (54% of total eligible delivery costs).

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

18. Newcastle Cathedral: Common Ground in Sacred Space

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Applicant: Newcastle Cathedral Trust

Request: First round pass of £4,476,400 including development grant of £344,300 (81% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A four-year project to re-establish St Nicholas's Cathedral's medieval role as a community hub, creating a welcoming environment for all, with a targeted activity programme to engage wider audiences, whilst conserving and better managing its historic fabric.

Committee recommended the application to the Board as a **HIGH** priority for support. Board would determine the application in September 2016.

SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and Recommendation: (September)

19. Remaking Beamish

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Richard Evans declared a conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion of the item.

Grantee: Beamish Museum

Request: A grant of £10,891,200 (61% of total eligible delivery costs)

Project: Forming part of a long-term vision to develop Beamish, the project would construct 31 new building exhibits and improve infrastructure to improve access around the site. A comprehensive programme of activities would be delivered providing engagement and skills opportunities. Formal learning programmes would link the new exhibits to the curriculum and training and apprenticeship schemes would be delivered.

First Round Pass: The Board awarded a first round pass of £10,750,000 including a development grant of £603,800 (63% of eligible development costs) in April 2014

Committee recommended the application to the Board as a HIGH priority for support. Board would determine the application in September 2016.

Papers for Information

20. Landscape Partnership Overview Paper

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Committee noted the report and that no Landscape Partnership applications had been received by the North West for this round. An update was provided on the range of development activities being undertaken by the team for the programme.

21. Corporate Update

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Committee noted the report.

22. Communications Report

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Committee noted the report.

23. Any other Business

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Thanks were extended to Stacy Hall for taking part in the series of interviews of Committee members being conducted for the HLF website.

The next meeting will be held on 1 December 2016