

# Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for the North East Meeting on 13 June 2017

CNE 2017 (2)

**Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for the North East held on 13 June 2017 at 10.00a.m. at the Word, 45 Market Place, South Shields, NE33 1JF.**

## Members:

- Lucy Winskell (Chair)
- Jim Cokill
- Niall Hammond
- Lynn Turner

## Apologies

- Richard Evans
- Stacy Hall
- Richard Morris (Trustee)

## Speaking Observers:

- Big Lottery Fund Representative (items 3-4)

### 1. Welcome

Oral

The Chair welcomed:

- Representative from the Big Lottery Fund, who was attending for the Parks for People items.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Jim Cokill declared a conflict of interest in *Land of Oak and Iron Heritage Centre* (item 17) as he was the Director of Durham Wildlife Trust, a partner in the Land of Oak and Iron employing one of the staff members and delivering several projects, though there was no direct involvement in this particular project. He would leave the room for the discussion of the item.

Lynn Turner declared an interest in Hirst Park Revival (item 4) as Northumberland County Council was a member of Kielder Water & Forest Park Development Trust, the organisation she works for. The project was unrelated to that relationship. The Committee were content this did not represent a conflict of interest.

### 3. Parks for People Overview

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The Committee noted the overview.

## SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Parks for People

### 4. Hirst Park Revival; PP-14-07993

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Grantee: Northumberland County Council

Request: A grant of £2,295,300 (84%)

Project: To restore Hirst Park, improve infrastructure and facilities and reconnect the local community with the park's heritage through the delivery of an activities programme. The project would include the refurbishment of the old depot buildings to create a horticultural community and training facility. Works to the park would include the restoration of the original entrance features, installation of a water splash park, outdoor fitness equipment, new seating areas, interpretation, street furniture, cycle racks and signage.

The HLF Board and BLF England Parks for People Committee had awarded a first round pass of £2,389,200, including development grant of £139,300 (90% of total eligible development costs), development grant split (HLF £92,867; 66.66%) (BLF £46,433; 33.33%) in December 2015.

An uplift of £45,400 (2%) had been requested.

The HLF North East Committee and the Big Lottery Fund representative recommended the application to the Board for support. The Parks for People Joint Delegated Decision panel would decide the application in June 2017.

## Reports

### 5. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair thanked the team and Committee for the warm welcome she had received. She provided an update on her activities since taking up the role of Chair.

### 6. Minutes of last meeting on 7 March 2017

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The location of the meeting recorded on the minutes was incorrect and would be amended.

Pending the agreed amendment, the minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

### 7. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

### 8. North East Annual Review of 2016/17

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The Committee noted the review.

### 9. North East Business Plan for 2017/18

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The Committee noted the paper.

### 10. North East Regional Overview

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The Committee noted the overview.

### 11. North East Budget

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There were two Heritage Grant first round cases had been received with a total request of £901,800 against a budget of £725,000, giving a success rate of 80.3%.

## SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

### 12. Gateshead Local Studies Collection: Re-opening Access to Gateshead's Heritage; HG-16-08833

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Applicant: Gateshead Council

Request: First round pass of £546,200 including development grant of £47,000 (89% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A 26-month project to increase access to the Gateshead Local Studies Collection through the creation of a new, larger Local Studies space within Gateshead Central Library. The collections would be digitised and conserved and an electronic catalogue created. Interactive digital display units would be installed. A community outreach programme would be delivered with a view to interpreting the collection, with volunteers recruited and trained in key skills.

The Committee agreed the application represented a medium priority and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £546,200 including development grant of £47,000 (89% of total eligible development costs).

### 13. Salmon Tails up the Water; HG-16-08947

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Applicant: Tyne Rivers Trust

Request: First round pass of £355,600 including development grant of £21,500 (55% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A three and a half year project that sought to engage people with the heritage of the River Tyne at Hexham, using the annual spectacle of the salmon migration as a focal point. A gateway interpretation point, with accessible parking, would be created to overlook Hexham Bridge and a safe and fully accessible viewing platform would be installed.

The Committee agreed the application represented a low priority and **REJECTED** it due to the concerns raised.

### 14. Prioritisation of first round HG items

Oral

During the case by case discussion the Committee agreed:

- Item 12 - *Gateshead Local Studies Collection: Re-opening Access to Gateshead's Heritage* was a medium priority for support.
- Item 13 - *Salmon Tails up the Water* was a low priority for support.

The Committee agreed to award a first round pass to *Gateshead Local Studies Collection: Re-opening Access to Gateshead's Heritage*. The remaining application was rejected.

## Grants for Places of Worship

### 15. Applications for Places of Worship in the North East

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- **SF4 Second Round: Grants for Places of Worship**

One round two application had been received requesting an uplift that was above the delegation threshold for the Head of Region had been received.

The Committee took the following decision:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
15a.	Urgent parapet restoration and realignment of Church entrance	Church of St Peter, Humshaugh	AWARD GRANT OF £155,200 (80%)

- **SF4 First Round: Grants for Places of Worship**

The Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
15b.	St Chads Bensham – High level Roof Repair Phase 2	St Chads Church, Bensham	REJECT
15c.	Urgent Roofing Repairs at St. Cuthbert's Church Darlington	St Cuthberts Church, Darlington	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £235,100 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £17,600 (67% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15d.	St Columba Southwick Restore Project	Sunderland Chapel of Light International	REJECT

## **SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants**

### **16. North East on Film: preserving and creating access to the film heritage of NE England; HG-15-07678**

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Grantee: Yorkshire Film Archive

Request: A grant of £323,700 (84%)

Project: To engage the people of the North East with their local and regional film heritage. An Archive Officer and Outreach Officer would be employed to deliver key areas of the project relating to the collections and the community activities. 250 films that were currently inaccessible and potentially at risk would be preserved, digitised and catalogued. A new collections information system and front end platform would be designed and implemented to increase access to the collections. A training programme for staff and volunteers would be developed. Film heritage screenings and events across the region, tailored to meet specific audience needs, would be delivered in partnership with a range of community groups, agencies and local authorities.

The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £353,000 including a development grant of £47,900 (83% of total eligible development costs) in June 2016.

Uplift: £18,600 (6%). Project costs had increased £19,724, largely relating to the collections information system and the front end website.

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £323,700 (84%).

## 17. Land of Oak & Iron Heritage Centre; HG-16-00835

CNE 2017 (2) 17

*Jim Cokill declared a conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion of the item. The meeting was not quorate for the item and Committee views were recorded.*

Grantee: Groundwork North East

Request: A grant of £697,700 (38%)

Project: An 18-month project to build a new Heritage Centre in Derwenthaugh Country Park. A new audience would be attracted to the area and a programme of exhibitions and interpretation would provide opportunities to celebrate the area's significant industrial achievements and natural heritage. Community-led projects, traditional skills development and training events and other activities would be delivered.

The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £656,000 including a development grant of £6,000 (18% of total eligible development costs) in December 2016.

An uplift of £47,700 (7%) had been requested to enable a wider range of interpretation methods to be incorporated into the plans.

As the Committee were not quorate for the discussion of this item the decision was **DEFERRED TO A DECISION BETWEEN MEETINGS**.

### **SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Townscape Heritage**

## 18. Church Street Conservation Area Revival; TH-14-08322

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Grantee: Hartlepool Borough Council

Request: A grant of £1,136,300 (37%)

Project: To repair and restore the historic architecture and character of Church Street, one of the principal streets in West Hartlepool. Capital works would include: roof and stonework repairs, rendering of external walls, shop front repairs and other works to assist in bringing vacant buildings back in to use. The project would capitalise on the investment that was being made to develop an Innovation and Skills Quarter and complement a new campus for Cleveland College of Art and Design in the area.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £1,176,400 including a development grant of £40,100 (80% of total eligible development costs) in January 2016.

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £1,136,300 (37%).

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

## 19. Hadrian's Wall Community Landscape Archaeology Project; *Cross-territory*; HG-16-08924

CNE 2017 (2) 19

Applicant: Newcastle University

Request: First round pass of £1,303,600 including development grant of £130,300 (86% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A three-year engagement project to motivate, train and enable the communities along the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site (WHS) to get actively involved in furthering understanding, devising future management and ultimately protecting 18 scheduled areas currently on Historic England's At Risk Register. Activity hubs would be established for each site and a range of activities would be delivered for communities, including a programme of practical works to the sites and engagement activities.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board for support. Board would determine the application in June 2017.

## **SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Heritage Enterprise**

### **20. The Globe: Live Music and Comedy Venue, Stockton-On-Tees; HE-13-02005**

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Grantee: Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Request: A grant of £4,090,400 (37%)

Project: The redevelopment of the grade II listed Globe Theatre in Stockton, into a live music and entertainment venue. During and after the restoration a programme of learning and education would be delivered.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £3,992,000 including a development grant of £401,600, 90% of total eligible development costs in July 2013.

An uplift of £500,000 (14%) had been requested.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board for support. Board would determine the application in June 2017.

## **Items for information**

### **21. Corporate Update**

**CNE 2017 (2) 21**

The Committee noted the update

### **22. Communications Report**

**CNE 2017 (2) 22**

The Committee noted the report.

### **23. Minutes of the meeting of Regional and County Chairs on 9 May 2017**

**CNE 2017 (2) 23**

The Committee noted the minutes

### **24. Corporate Business Plan 2017-18**

**CNE 2017 (2) 24**

The Committee noted the Plan.

### **25. Any other business**

The Chair expressed thanks to the team for organising the visit to the Word for the meeting.

**The next meeting will be held on 12 September 2017**