

# Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for the North East Meeting on 12 September 2017

CNE 2017 (3)

**Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the North East held on 12 September 2017 at 10 a.m. in the Newcastle Office, St Nicholas Building, St Nicholas Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1RF**

## Members:

- Lucy Winskell (Chair)
- Jim Cokill
- Richard Evans
- Niall Hammond
- Stacey Hall
- Lynn Turner

## Apologies:

- Richard Morris

## Committee Business

### 1. Welcome and apologies

**Oral**

Apologies were noted from Richard Morris. The Committee sent him their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Chair welcomed:

- Ros Kerslake, CEO, who was observing the meeting.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

**Oral**

Jim Cokill declared a conflict of interest in Item 14 – *Tyne to Tees, Shores and Seas* – as Durham Wildlife Trust was a partner to the seascape scheme. Jim would leave the room for the discussion of the item.

Lucy Winskell noted that Northumbria University, her employer, would be participating in the great exhibition of the North in some form.

### 3. Chair's Report

**Oral**

The Chair updated on her activities since the last meeting:

- She had attended the opening of Hauxley Wildlife Discovery Centre, The Sill launch party and the Lumiere 2017 Reception at Durham Cathedral.

The Chair expressed her thanks to Committee members for attending events and going on project visits.

### 4. Minutes of the meeting on 13 June 2017

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

## 5. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

The Committee noted that *Land of Oak & Iron Heritage Centre* (HG-16-00835) had been awarded a grant of £697,700 (38%) in a decision between meetings after the June Committee meeting had become inquorate.

## 6. North East Regional Overview

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Ivor Crowther, Head of Region, introduced the report, highlighting:

- The City of Culture bids were being considered. Stacy Hall noted that she is on the steering committee for the Sunderland bid.
- A £15m legacy fund had been set up by the Government to support the Great Exhibition of the North's long-term impact.

The Committee noted the recent Board-level decisions for cases in the North East.

## 7. North East Budget

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One first round Heritage Grant application and one second round fast-track Heritage Grant application, which would come from the first round budget, had been received totalling £1,124,900 against a budget of £784,600. It was highlighted that while the regional budget was insufficient to cover both applications a contingency amount was available from central budgets to cover the requested amount if both application were of suitable quality.

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

## 8. OOT- The Out of Town Museum; HG-16-05529

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Applicant: Bailiffgate Museum and Gallery

Request: First Round Pass of £311,800, including a development grant of £26,300 (69% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A 3.5 year project to contribute to the wider aim of establishing an Out Of Town (OOT) museum with interpreted collections that would celebrate rural heritage and present it to the wider public. 'Walkshops' and 'step back in time' events would be delivered, traveling to eight rural communities to engage with them and collect stories, objects and information that would become part of the Museum's digital archive. Outreach activities would include the identification of 'community champions' who would be supported to act as a point of contact for the museum and as a link to the wider community. An exhibition would be hosted at the museum and then be displayed on tour at a range of rural venues.

The Committee agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £311,800, including a development grant of £26,300 (69% of total eligible development costs).

### SF4 applications for discussion and decision: Grants for Places of Worship

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

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Three second-round applications had been received that had requested uplifts on their first round awards that were above the delegated level for decision by Head of Region. The Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision	Project Reference
9a.	Masonry & Heating	Kirkwhelpington with Kirkharle PCC	AWARD GRANT OF £90,200 (81%)	GP-13-01817
9b.	Replacement of crumbling stonework in a pillar between 2 vaulted roof - supporting arches	St Mary's Church, Easington Village	AWARD GRANT OF £90,100 (79%)	GP-15-01522
9c.	St Andrew's Church tower project	St Andrew's Church, Roker	AWARD GRANT OF £222,700 (76%)	GP-15-04412

Nine first round applications with a grant request of £1,790,300 were received against a regional budget of £232,449. At the initial sift, Historic England advice was that four cases had not supplied sufficient information to assess the urgency of the works, and that the works in three other cases were not urgently required. As a result seven cases did not go forward for full assessment.

The remaining two cases underwent full assessment and Historic England provided detailed technical advice to establish the urgency of the repair works. HLF assessment also looked at how well the applications met outcomes for communities. These two factors were used to arrive at an overall priority for the batch.

The Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision	Project Reference
9d.	Christ Church Coatham Stonework and Roof Renovations	Parish of Coatham & Dormanstown PCC	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £256,100 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £25,500 (71% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-16-03354
9e.	Holy Trinity Usworth Roof Repair	Parish of Usworth	REJECT	GP-16-04231
9f.	St Mary's Roof and Rainwater Goods Repair Project	St Mary's Church Middleton-in-Teesdale	REJECT	GP-16-08917
9g.	Phase 2 Stonework Repairs to St Brandon's Church	The PCC of St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth	REJECT	GP-17-00996
9h.	Windows to the World: St Mary's Church, Barnard Castle	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton	REJECT	GP-16-09007
9i.	St Mary's Church Holy Island Masonry and Welcome Project	St Mary's Church, Holy Island	REJECT	GP-16-03233

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision	Project Reference
9j.	Restoration of the Buddle, Wallsend	Edge Christian Centre	REJECT	GP-17-00658
9k.	St Hilda's: Renovation and community development project	St Hilda's Church, Hartlepool	REJECT	GP-17-01022
9l.	Life Transformation Church Elswick, re-ordering, refurbishment	Life Transformation Church	REJECT	GP-17-00957

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

##### **10. Hub Exhibition and Associated Programme for the Great Exhibition of the North; HG-16-08093 FAST-TRACK**

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Applicant: Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums

Request: A grant of £813,100 (50% of total eligible delivery costs)

Project: The Hub Exhibition and Associated Programme would form part of the Great Exhibition of the North. It would encompass a range of exhibitions, creative commissions, digital interventions and learning activities across a number of Newcastle venues. A large scale exhibition at Great North Museum: Hancock, would explore how the North of England's art, design and innovation had shaped lives. The Discovery Museum would host Stephenson's Rocket locomotive, with capital works to the entrance-way delivered to facilitate the loan from the Science Museum Group. A range of engagement activities would be delivered for the public and formal and informal learning opportunities created.

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £813,100 (50% of total eligible delivery costs).

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

##### **11. Ancient Britain: Open air museum, archaeological research and education centre; HG-16-05727**

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Applicant: Ancient Britain

Request: First Round Pass of £2,428,300, including Development Grant of £326,800 (89% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A 2.5 year project to develop a multi-era open air museum that would utilise ancient cultures to connect local communities and tourists to Northumberland's landscape. The museum, set on a 16-acre site, would provide an immersive educational experience, reviving traditional skills and informing research through experimental archaeology techniques. An Architect and Structural Engineer would work with apprentices, volunteers and craftsman to construct key buildings. A programme of activities would be delivered, including demonstrations of traditional skills, while allowing makers to experiment with traditional techniques. Apprentices would develop traditional skills as well as customer service, administration and catering experience.

The Committee recommended that the Board **REJECT** the application.

## **SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation (October): Landscape Partnership**

### **12. Landscape Partnership Overview Paper**

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22 applications had been received, with all countries and regions bar London represented, with a total first-round grant request (including development funding) of £52.29m against a budget of £20m. 2 applications had been received in the North East.

### **13. North Yorkshire Cliffs; LP-16-06240**

**CNE 2017 (3) 14**

Applicant: Groundwork North East (Middlesbrough)

Request: A first round pass of £2,606,700 including a development grant of £170,000 (79% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To celebrate the heritage of the coast from Saltburn in Redcar and Cleveland to Sandsend in North Yorkshire. The scheme would place a focus on delivering improvements to the natural environment in order to develop a more robust tourist economy. Activities would include: community archaeology surveys and digs; geology activities; a programme of guided exploration and programme of action and learning activity to address water pollution. Improvements to two built heritage structures would be delivered. A programme of access improvements would link inland communities to the England Coastal Path, improve disabled access at key points and create three new easy circular walk routes.

The Committee recommended that the Board **REJECT** the application.

### **14. Tyne to Tees, Shores and Seas- Seascape Partnership; LP-16-00008**

**CNE 2017 (3) 15**

*Jim Cokill declared a conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion of the item.*

Applicant: Durham Heritage Coast

Request: First Round Pass of £2,998,100, including a Development Grant of £201,600 (81% of total eligible development costs)

Project: The hidden heritage of the coastal area between the rivers Tyne and Tees would be revealed and wider coastal communities engaged with the unique seascape to establish stewardship of the area for generations to come. Four interlinked themes would cover a broad history, deliver the programme aims and increase visitor numbers. Training and volunteering opportunities would be created, building skills in identifying, recording, mapping, assessing and understanding the heritage. Access to the natural heritage would be increased through improvements to physical and virtual access. Built heritage would be restored and interpreted, ten interpretation 'stations' would be developed and a new educational facility would be built to act as a hub for the area.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

### **15. Prioritisation of first round Landscape Partnership applications**

**Oral**

Following the case by case discussion prioritisation was not required.

### **16. Withdrawn**

## **Papers for information**

### **17. Corporate Update**

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Ros Kerslake provided a brief update on corporate activity.

It was highlighted that the recommendations from the Tailored Review had been received and would be discussed by the Board at their meeting the following Tuesday.

### **18. Communications Report**

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The Committee noted the report.

### **19. Any other business**

**Oral**

There was none

**The next meeting will be held on 28 November 2017.**