

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the South East of England Meeting on 15 and 16 March 2015

CSEE 2016 (1)

Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for the South East of England held on Tuesday 8 December 2015 in the London Office at 7 Holbein Place, London, SW1W 8NR.

Members

- Paul Hudson (Chair)
- Roger de Haan (Trustee)
- Alastair Fairley
- Helen Jackson
- Susan McCormack
- Debbie Tann

Apologies

- Bill Ferris

Observing

- Maria Adebawale-Schwarte
- Andrew Blessley

Committee business

1. Development priorities

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The Committee discussed the current South East of England development priority areas and approved the recommendations in the paper.

2. Welcomes

Oral

Paul Hudson welcomed Maria Adebawale-Schwarte, who would be replacing him as Chair and Andrew Blessley, who would be joining the Committee as a Member replacing Alastair Fairley.

The Committee and Stuart Mcleod thanked Paul Hudson and Alastair Fairley for their roles in the South East Committee over the past 6 years. They responded appropriately and expressed their appreciation for the leaving gifts presented to them.

3. Chair's Report

Oral

Paul Hudson reported that he had attended the January Board meeting to give an update on the South East England region.

The Committee noted the report.

4. Minutes of the meeting on 8 December 2015

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

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

Papers for discussion

6. Business planning and strategy update

Oral

Sue Bowers gave feedback from the strategy focussed Board meeting in February.

The Committee noted the update.

Papers for information

7. Communications Report

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The Committee noted the report.

8. Corporate Update

Oral

The Committee noted the update.

9. Regional overview

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Stuart McLeod introduced the overview paper and focussed on cuts to cultural and heritage services in the South East England. The team would closely monitor the potential impact of these on existing HLF commitments.

The Committee noted the overview report.

10. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Item 13. Secrets of the Solent. Debbie Tann declared a conflict of interest as Chief Executive of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

Item 19. HOPE for the Future. Susan McCormack noted a connection as a Director of the Ashmolean Museum. The Committee agreed that this did not constitute a conflict of interest.

SF4 First round case papers for discussion and decision: Grants for Places of Worship

11. GPOW Overview and Applications

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The Committee made the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
11a.	Repairs and improvements to the drainage and structure of St Martin's Ryarsh	Parochial Church Council of St Martin's Ryarsh	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £195,700, INCLUDING A DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £28,200 (80% TOTAL OF ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
11b.	Urgent structural repairs to the roof to prevent collapse of architecturally significant building	St Mary Magdalene Church, Lyminster	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £137,200 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £27,000 (73% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
11c.	The Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Reading	The Polish Catholic Mission	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £239,700 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £29,500 (48% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
11d.	Essential repairs to Chancel, Church fabric and reordering of North Aisle, St Mary Magdalene, Cobham	Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Cobham	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £266,100 INCLUDING A DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £24,200, (78% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
11e.	Repairs to North Aisle roof	St Mary's Church Pulborough	REJECT
11f.	Urgent external repairs and installation of new toilet facilities	St John the Baptist, Outwood ,Surrey	REJECT
11g.	The conservation and restoration the exterior of St Mary the Virgin, Iffley, Oxford	St Mary the Virgin, Iffley Oxford OX4 4EF	REJECT

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
11h.	Significant repairs to the ancient Church building and provide toilet facilities for the community	St Mary Magdalene, Stockbury, Kent	REJECT
11i.	Repairs to north wall, vestry roof and internal plasterwork	Milton Church	REJECT
11j.	Exterior walls, stonework and gullies	St Swithun's Church, Nately Scures	REJECT
11k.	To repair the fabric and build engagement between local communities and St Martha's Church	St Martha-on-the-Hill Church, Guildford	REJECT

12. Budget paper

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Lucy Perry, Casework Manager, presented the budget paper.

There were ten first round applications recommended for award, with a total first round pass request of £8,879,600, against a suggested budget of £3,442,400 for the meeting, based on an equal division of the budget between the four meetings.

The Committee noted that the grants budget was sufficient to fund the three second round applications, if they were satisfied that the quality threshold had been met.

The Committee noted the report.

SF4 First round case papers for discussion and decision: Heritage

Grants

13. Secrets of the Solent

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Debbie Tann declared a conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion of this item

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust sought a first round pass to establish the Hampshire and Isle of Wight (IoW) based marine protection areas (MPAs) as recognised heritage sites, appreciated and cared for in the same way as terrestrial nature conservation sites. The project would engage local people, sea users and businesses to champion and influence the sustainable use of the Solent and South Wight Seas (SSWS).

The Committee considered the project a high priority and awarded a first round pass of £769,600, including development grant of £129,300 (92% of total eligible development costs)

14. Royal Hippodrome Theatre facade, public access, Heritage Hub and archive project
CSEE 2016 (1) 14

Royal Hippodrome Theatre CIC sought a first round pass of £908,100 including a development grant of £100,500 (84% of total eligible development costs) to renovate the front and side façades of the theatre and to create a heritage hub. The Hippodrome also housed an archive that covered all of the Eastbourne theatres (Winter Gardens, Devonshire Park, Congress and Royal Hippodrome) from the 19th century onwards. The project would open up the Hippodrome's archive to the public for the first time.

The committee rejected the application.

15. HOPE for the Future: Heritage, Outreach, Preservation, Engagement
CSEE 2016 (1) 15

Oxford University Museum of Natural History sought a first round pass of £1,478,400, including development grant of £73,200 (74% of total eligible development costs) to improve storage of collections held by Oxford University Museum of Natural History, allowing further acquisition and increased access. The project would also convert the Poulton room into a workshop and education space and deliver a series of engagement activities such as open days, tours, talks, school workshops and late night events.

The committee rejected the application.

16. Sussex Heritage Trees Project
CSEE 2016 (1) 16

The Conservation Volunteers – Sussex sought a first round pass of £507,600, including development grant of £75,400 (88% of total eligible development costs) for a three-year project that would record, conserve and celebrate heritage trees across three areas in East and West Sussex. Volunteers would be recruited and trained to identify and survey heritage trees and to record appropriate data. Others would be trained to carry out practical conservation work, with 15 people becoming volunteer team leaders and 20 receiving accredited training to carry out specialist tree maintenance work.

The committee rejected the application.

17. The Pier's Tale
CSEE 2016 (1) 17

Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners sought a first round pass to replace damaged wooden structural piles along the length of Yarmouth Pier. This project would complete the restoration of the pier following on from the piling replacement works undertaken in 2007. These works would be complemented by a range of activities such as talks and events on the pier before and after the repairs, curriculum based activities for local schools and outreach work to share the pier's heritage with harder to reach groups in the local community.

Overall, the Committee considered the project a high priority and awarded a first round pass of £860,700, including a development grant of £60,000 (80% of total eligible development costs).

18. Margate Caves Project
CSEE 2016 (1) 18

The Margate Caves Community Education Trust sought a first round pass for a project to re-open the Margate Caves, in Cliftonville, as a visitor attraction with community use. The project would

construct a visitor centre with interpretation, café, shop and community space. There would also be a range of activities to complement capital works such as an oral history project, outreach activities, a community archaeology dig and the development of a website with a virtual tour.

Overall, the Committee considered the project a medium priority and awarded a first round pass of £876,800, including development grant of £56,200 (85% of total eligible development costs)

19. Freedom and Justice: exploring Magna Carta's legacy online, in the classroom and in the community

CSEE 2016 (1) 19

Royal Holloway, University of London sought a first round pass for a three year activity project, a partnership between Runnymede's university, museum and school, to explore the democratic legacy of Magna Carta, with a focus on young people as participants and volunteers. The project would deliver an annual programme of events, activities and resources, which would explore themes, events and individuals associated with the legacy of the Charter and contemporary relevance to democracy.

The Committee considered the project a medium priority and awarded a first round pass of £481,900, including development grant of £20,200 (50% of total eligible development costs)

20. Surrey Heritage Interpreting the Environment, Landscape and Development: Bringing Surrey's Past to Life

CSEE 2016 (1) 20

Surrey County Council's Heritage Conservation Team sought a first round pass of £701,800, including development grant of £26,100 (83% of total eligible development costs) to engage communities with archaeological heritage across Surrey through digital reconstructions, art installations, heritage trails, resources and activities. The existing Exploring Surrey's Past (ESP) website would be enhanced with digital reconstructions and Augmented Reality (AR) apps depicting historic ways of life, such as Iron Age roundhouses, Saxon cemeteries and WW1 practice trenches. Art installations would be developed by freelance artists, working with the community, in order to interpret the heritage of archaeological sites across Surrey.

The committee rejected the application.

21. Cogges: 1000 Years Plus

CSEE 2016 (1) 21

Cogges Heritage Trust sought a first round pass of £1,745,200, including development grant of £153,900 (77% of total eligible development costs) to renovate Cogges Manor Farm. Repair and capital interventions would unlock the site to the public and achieve a step-change in learning, volunteering, community engagement, and revenue generation. Capital works would include the restoration and conversion of the 19th century Milking Parlour into a learning, community, and special exhibition space. The project would also include a new-build café, rural craft skills training, an oral history programme and a community archaeology dig.

The committee rejected the application.

22. Sevenoaks Greensand Commons

CSEE 2016 (1) 22

Sevenoaks District Council sought a first round pass for a programme of conservation, access improvements and community engagement with the natural heritage and habitats of commons sites on the Sevenoaks Greensand ridge. Over four years a partnership with Kent Wildlife Trust and Sevenoaks Town Council would increase public access through 26km of improved footpaths and

bridleways together with new signage, while developing the capacity of local people to lead on the management of the sites and engage the community through a range of activities.

The Committee considered the project a high priority and awarded a first round pass of £549,500, including development grant of £65,900 (61% of total eligible development costs)

23. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

Having declared a conflict of interest, Debbie Tann left the room for the prioritisation of item 13 (Secrets of the Solent)

The Committee agreed to award first round passes to the following applications which had been identified as high priorities for support:

- Item 13 Secrets of the Solent
- Item 17 The Pier's Tale
- Item 22 Sevenoaks Greensand Commons

Debbie Tann returned to the meeting

With reference to the available budget, the Committee agreed to award first round passes to the following items:

- Item 18 Margate Caves Project
- Item 29 Freedom and Justice: exploring the Magna Carta's legacy online, in the classroom and in the community

The Committee rejected the remaining applications.

SF4 Second round case papers for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

24. Towards Sustainability - Inspiring Journeys of Discovery in the Natural World

CSEE 2016 (1) 24

Oates Memorial Library & Museum & Gilbert White Museum sought a grant to expand visitor numbers and deliver a more sustainable business model at the site. 18th Century stable buildings would be renovated to provide a new entrance and visitor facilities. Interpretation and displays would be updated and enhanced.

The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £1,799,900 including a development grant of £112,700 (62% of total eligible development costs) in September 2014.

The Committee awarded a grant of £1,687,200 (62% of total eligible project costs)

25. OWLS (Outdoor Woodland Learning in Surrey): transforming access to ancient woodland learning for all

CSEE 2016 (1) 25

Surrey Wildlife Trust sought a grant to contribute to the creation of a new education centre to replace existing dilapidated education buildings in The Nower Wood Educational Nature Reserve.

The centre would provide improved facilities to attract a wider range of people to engage with the reserve. An extended programme of learning and engagement would also be delivered.

The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £323,700 including a development grant of £54,000 (95% of total eligible development costs) in June 2015.

The Committee awarded a grant of £362,700 (29% of total eligible project costs)

26. Gravesend Clock Tower Restoration

CSEE 2016 (1) 26

Gravesham Borough Council sought a grant for the repair and enhancement of the Grade II listed clock tower in Gravesend. The scheme would include stonework repairs, the restoration of clock faces and the installation of a new lighting scheme to elevations, spirelet and clocks. Heritage skills demonstrations and historian led tours would be provided.

The Committee had awarded a first round pass of 172,400 including a development grant of £4,700 (94% of total eligible development costs) in June 2015.

The Committee awarded a grant of £172,300 (80% of total eligible project costs)

SF4 First round Board case papers for discussion and recommendation:

March - Heritage Grants

27. The Restoration of The Victoria Institute Arundel

CSEE 2016 (1) 27

The Victoria Institute sought a first round pass of £2,411,800, including development grant of £220,600 (79% of total eligible development costs) to transform the Grade II listed Victoria Institute in Arundel into a creative and cultural social enterprise hub. The project would create a flexible arts and events space, remove infrastructure to expand and refurbish the existing theatre stage to provide a 60 seat auditorium for live performances, film screenings and lectures and create a fully equipped mixed-use arts studio. The project would also establish a volunteer programme and partner with local cultural agencies and organisations within Sussex to enable a collaborative approach to supporting culture in the community.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board.

SF4 First round Board case papers for discussion and recommendation:

April - Major Projects

28. Major Projects Overview

CSEE 2016 (1) 28

The Committee noted the overview.

29. Transforming Bletchley Park's core heritage to drive new audiences, develop skills and inspire future minds

CSEE 2016 (1) 29

Bletchley Park Trust sought a first round pass of £12,340,400, including development grant of £323,400 (47% of total eligible development costs) for a project to build on the transformation started through a previous HLF funded project, by opening up more of the site to visitors, telling new stories and finishing the work started in phase one to bring the facilities for visitors into the 21st century. The project would expand the current education programmes and build stronger links with the local community. There would be public access for the first time to the Stableyard cottages and the other remaining buildings in the core museum area, the creation of new museums and galleries and a new learning hub with classrooms, and a lecture theatre.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board.

30. SeaMore: sharing the newest national collection

CSEE 2016 (1) 30

National Museum of the Royal Navy sought a first round pass of £13,854,700, including development grant of £433,500 (79% of total eligible development costs) to tell a complete story of naval heritage through establishing a new national collection. This 3 year project would seek to achieve two interlocking objectives of establishing a single national collection of the Royal Navy supported by wider Portsmouth Historic Dockyard collections within a collections learning hub; and a reinterpreted and re-displayed Royal Marines Museum relocated to the historic dockyard from the current Eastney site.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board.

31. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 22 June 2016.