

Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for South East England, Meeting on 7 December 2016

CSEE 2016 (4) Minutes

Summary minutes of the meeting of the Committee for South East England held on 7 December at 9.30 a.m. in the London Office at 7 Holbein Place, London, SW1W 8NR.

Members:

- Maria Adebawale-Schwarte (Chair)
- Andrew Blessley
- Roger De Haan
- Bill Ferris
- Helen Jackson
- Susan McCormack
- Debbie Tann

Committee Business

1. Welcomes

Oral

The Chair welcomed Members and staff. Members had held a private meeting beforehand. The Chair reported that no decisions had been taken and nothing discussed that needed to be formally recorded.

SF4 First round Board case paper for discussion and recommendation: Parks for People

2. Parks for People Overview

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The Committee noted the overview.

3. Ellington Park, Ramsgate; PP-15-06607

CSEE 2016 (4) 3

Applicant: Thanet District Council

Request: First round pass of £1,786,300 including development grant of £143,700 (88% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To restore 12 acre Ellington Park in Ramsgate. The project would reinstate shrubberies, replace historic trees, and renovate original paths and restore the dilapidated 1898 bandstand, as well as build a café with heritage exhibition space, toilets, and three disabled car parking spaces. Alongside capital works there would be opportunities for formal training and skills development, including apprenticeships.

The Committee for South East England considered that the project represented a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support. The Big Lottery Fund representative considered that the project represented a **MEDIUM PRIORITY** for support.

SF4 Second round Board case paper for discussion and recommendation: Parks for People

4. The Stanmer Park restoration project: reviving and celebrating the heritage of the Stanmer Estate; PP-13-20132

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Helen Jackson left the room for this item.

Applicant: Brighton and Hove City Council

Request: Award grant of £3,786,400 (66%)

Project: To restore historic landscape features and improve the approach to Stanmer House, which would include resurfacing of the main drive; recreation of a 19th century carriage drive as a 'Green Drive' pedestrian/cycle path; the removal of parking from the front of the house and re-landscaping the area. The Walled Garden would be restored and a programme of training and activities would be delivered by Plumpton College, who would relocate to this area. Alongside capital works there would be volunteering opportunities, interpretation, training, an activity programme and the establishment of a Friends Group.

The Committee for South East England and Big Lottery Fund representative considered that the project represented a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

Corporate Items

5. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair had attended the Country and Regional Chairs meeting in October. The meeting had been useful and workload challenges faced by the Operations teams had been discussed. Other topics considered included the importance of branding for HLF and strategic working across the countries and regions.

The Chair was due to go on a visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard which would be an opportunity to see how a critical mass of funding can make a difference to an area.

6. Minutes of the meeting on 21 September 2016

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The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting subject to a typographical change.

7. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

8. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Helen Jackson had declared an interest in *item 3. The Stanmer Park restoration project* at the start of the meeting as she was a member of the SD National Park Authority.

9. Regional overview

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Stuart McLeod presented the overview. Stuart reported on a meeting he had with Hastings Pier to discuss their significant financial difficulties. Officers reported back that the applicant needed more effective business planning input and were discussing a range of funding options, such as a resubmitted Resilient Heritage grant, with the applicant. Members were given an update on Margate Caves and Dreamland Margate.

The Committee noted the overview.

10. Budget Paper

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Lucy Perry, Casework Manager, presented the budget paper.

There were six first round applications, with a total first round pass request of £7,093,700, against a suggested budget of £3,433,100 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 five second round, one grant increase and one fast track applications, if they were satisfied that the quality threshold had been met.

SF4 First round case papers for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants & Heritage Enterprise

11. Cogges: 1,000 years plus; HG-16-02421

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Applicant: Cogges Heritage Trust

Project: To improve the heritage offer at Cogges Manor Farm reflecting its significance as the earliest settlement in eastern Witney. Repair and capital interventions which would follow on from options appraisal, feasibility, and consultation, would unlock the site's potential for a range of audiences. Interpretation at the Manor House would be improved and a range of activities would be provided such as community archaeology digs, an oral history programme and a re-vamped volunteer programme.

The Committee for South East England considered that the project represented a HIGH priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of first round pass of £1,036,300 including development grant of £134,200 (79% of total eligible development costs)

12. Highdown Gardens - heritage, horticulture and the Stern legacy; HG-15-06148

CSEE 2016 (4) 12

Applicant: Worthing Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £1,640,500 including development grant of £153,000 (90% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Worthing Borough Council intends, over five years, to transform the visitor experience of Highdown Gardens, a nine acre chalk garden near Goring. This will be done through the installation of the Gardens' first ever education centre, a refurbishment of garden infrastructure and an activity programme which will include a fresh emphasis on plant conservation and education.

The Committee for South East England considered that the project represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application due to the concerns raised.

13. A Race Against Time: Rediscovering East Parade - The De La Warr Seafront Story, Bexhill; HG-16-03487

CSEE 2016 (4) 13

Applicant: Rother District Council

Request: first round pass of £994,500 including development grant of £57,000 (81% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To restore and rediscover the heritage of the East Parade in Bexhill-on-Sea. Four Grade II listed shelters would be restored creating 'Heritage Hubs' to create a learning journey, landscape and signage improvements would also be made. Alongside capital works there would be

volunteering opportunities, a website, a programme of walks and tours and a launch exhibition to be held at Bexhill Museum.

The Committee for South East England **REJECTED** the application due to the concerns raised.

14. Rediscovering Walmer Pleasure Grounds; HG-16-03533

CSEE 2016 (4) 14

Applicant: English Heritage

Project: To restore and reveal the natural landscape and habitat of Walmer Pleasure Grounds, representing their history within the wider heritage context of the site. New accessible pathways, visitor facilities and community inspired interpretation will cater to a wide range of audiences. A programme of free activities, volunteering opportunities and traineeships will make the site more accessible for a wider audience.

The Committee for South East England considered that the project represented a HIGH priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of first round pass of £1,463,800 including development grant of £113,800 (61% of total eligible development costs)

15. Restoring Thames Sailing Barge, Westmoreland, living testimony to the brickmaking heritage of North Kent; HG-16-03711

CSEE 2016 (4) 15

Applicant: Westmoreland Trust C.I.C

Request: First round pass of £1,818,500 including a development grant of £4,000 (20% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Four year project which would undertake the complete restoration of the former Thames barge SB Westmoreland. The principal aim of the project was to restore the barge and to operate it as a traditional craft for sail training, charters and barge racing, plus organised visits to docks and wharves around London and the Thames Estuary. There would also be the creation of a static on-board heritage centre for visits during winter lay-ups for periodic maintenance.

The Committee for South East England **REJECTED** the application due to the concerns raised.

16. The redevelopment and refurbishment of Horton Chapel into a community arts and heritage centre; HE-16-01095

CSEE 2016 (4) 16

Applicant: Horton Chapel Arts & Heritage Society

Request: First round pass of £1,958,600 including development grant of £304,600 (65% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To restore and refurbish the Grade II-listed Horton Chapel, the only remaining building of the former Epsom psychiatric hospital cluster which has the potential to be open to the public. The chapel's interior would be open to the public free of charge and would be run as an arts, heritage, educational and social centre at the centre of the local community. Led by a team of volunteers with professional expertise, the project would provide new opportunities and amenities for local people, schools, groups, new businesses and visitors. There would also be volunteering and apprenticeship opportunities.

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

17. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

The Committee considered item 11. Cogges: 1,000 years plus and *item 14. Rediscovering Walmer Pleasure Grounds* represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass.

The Committee considered *item 16. The redevelopment and refurbishment of Horton Chapel into a community arts and heritage centre* a medium priority for support, but rejected it in light of the available budget.

The Committee rejected the other applications.

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

18. Freedom and Justice: exploring Magna Carta's legacy online, in the classroom and in the community; HG-15-04289

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Grantee: Royal Holloway, University of London

Project: 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.

Uplift: £23,800 (5%) primarily due to increased contingency and a change from pop up exhibitions to digital resources which had resulted in increased professional fees.

The Committee for South East England **AWARDED** a grant of £485,500 (47%)

19. Old Chalk New Downs Project; HG-14-00209

CSEE 2016 (4) 19

Grantee: Kent County Council

Project: project to conserve and improve the natural habitat quality of chalk grasslands in the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Chalk grassland habitat quality and connectivity would be improved, using a new Connectivity Assessment modelling Tool to inform these works. On-site interpretation and access would also be improved at project sites. Project partners would undertake work with landowners to ensure improved management of natural habitats.

First round decision: first round pass of £1,479,600, including development funding of £83,600 (89% of total eligible development costs).

Uplift: N/A

The Committee for South East England **AWARDED** a grant of £1,396,000 (81%)

20. Guardians of The Deep; HG-14-06142

CSEE 2016 (4) 20

Grantee: Kent Wildlife Trust

Project: Activity based project to raise awareness of marine habitats and to change the behaviours of sea-users across a large area of the Kent coast. The coastline would be divided into three sections for project purposes; White Cliffs of Dover, North East Kent and Medway and Swale, and administered in partnership with the local authorities. Local networks of volunteer champions would be established and trained to effect behavioural change in their areas. Workshops would be delivered with young people to raise awareness of marine habitat and water safety. A learning

programme for schools would be delivered. Awareness raising activities for visitors to Kent would be delivered in partnership with Visit Kent. Volunteers would also be trained as citizen scientists to undertake habitat survey work.

First round decision: first round pass of £508,300, including development funding of £64,000 (76% of total eligible development costs).

Uplift: £1,800 (1%) due to increased project costs.

The Committee for South East England **AWARDED** a grant of £446,100 (65%)

21. Accessible Steam Heritage (ASH): Preserving and exhibiting steam locomotion for education and enhanced visitor experience; HG-15-00605

CSEE 2016 (4) 21

Grantee: Bluebell Railway Plc

Project: to convert the existing 'running' shed at their Sheffield Park site into an exhibition hall for the display and interpretation of a significant steam locomotive collection. New interactive interpretation and educational facilities would be created, exploring the history, science and engineering of steam power. A new undercover maintenance area would be incorporated to provide facilities for the care of the locomotives and provide improved working conditions for volunteers and staff. Extensive volunteering and family engagement programmes would also be delivered.

First round decision: first round pass of £879,500 including a development grant of £30,000 (22% of total eligible development costs)

Uplift: £250,500 (29%) due to the discovery during the development phase that the new facility would require piled foundations and the change to the location and design of the welcome space which contributed to the higher project costs.

The Committee for South East England **AWARDED** a grant of £1,100,000 (62%)

22. Preserving the Fabric: A Sustainable Future for Whitchurch Silk Mill; HG-14-07954

CSEE 2016 (4) 22

Grantee: Whitchurch Silk Mill

Project: To improve physical and intellectual access to heritage through visitor re-routing and improved interpretation. The proposed scheme would also address strategic sustainability issues through training in essential skills and improved income generation. Physical works would address identified repair needs and refurbish the mill's historic machinery. A comprehensive activity programme would also be delivered.

First round decision: first round pass of £1,711,700, including development grant of £123,300 (85% of total eligible development costs)

Uplift: £131,200 (8%) due to increased capital and staffing costs.

The Committee for South East England **AWARDED** a grant of £1,719,600 (78%)

SF4 fast track acquisition for discussion and decision

23. Surreal the Museum; HG-16-05823

CSEE 2016 (4) 23

Officers reported that since writing the paper, the grant request had changed from £523,000 (82%) to £627,800 (82%)

Applicant: Royal Pavilion Museums Brighton and Hove

Project: To bid at auction to acquire one of Salvador Dalí's prized white Lobster Telephones (White Aphrodisiac). Designed by Dalí in collaboration with Edward James in 1938, this object is being sold at auction by the Edward James Foundation in December 2016. The Telephone is one of the seminal objects of Surrealism. The telephone would complement the museum's current collections to present a comprehensive interpretation of Surrealism, Dalí, and the part played by Sussex Surrealists. The telephone would be put on display in Brighton Museum & Art Gallery (BMAG) alongside other works by Dalí. There would also be a programme of public engagement activities, as well as digital programmes focusing on the Lobster Telephone and Surrealism.

The Committee for South East England **AWARDED** a grant of £627,800 (82%)

SF4 Second round grant increase for discussion and decision: Heritage Grant

24. Royal Victoria: Uncovering the stories of Netley Military Hospital; HG-13-06221

CSEE 2016 (4) 24

Grantee: Hampshire County Council

Request: grant increase of £202,000 to make a total grant of £1,889,000 (59%)

Second round decision: award a grant of £1,697,000 (59%)

Project: a grant for a programme of works to conserve and improve public access to the Grade II* Chapel of the former Military Hospital at Netley. The Chapel, which was currently at risk, was the only remaining building of the Royal Victoria Military Hospital. As well as capital works to conserve the historic fabric and improve visitor access, new interpretation would be provided and learning and activity programmes would be delivered.

The Committee for South East England **AWARDED** a grant increase of £202,000 to make a total grant of £1,889,000 (59%)

SF4 Second round case paper for discussion and decision: Landscape Partnership

25. The Fifth Continent - Romney Marsh Landscape Partnership; LP-14-00571

CSEE 2016 (4) 25

Grantee: Kent Wildlife Trust sent

Project: funding for a 242km² scheme to restore, conserve, interpret and improve public awareness of and engagement with the natural heritage of Romney Marsh. This distinctive low-lying coastal landscape included the historic settlements of Winchelsea, Rye and Hythe, as well as the unique shingle ridges of Dungeness. It was home to many rare species which were under threat from human activity. The overall aim of the scheme was to improve the long term management of a landscape whose habitats were increasingly at risk of loss due to a move away from sheep farming to arable farming.

First round decision: first round pass of £1,988,700, including development funding of £230,300 (84% of total eligible development costs).

Uplift: N/A

26. Grants for Places of Worship Applications

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The Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project title	Applicant	Decision
26a.	External Fabric Repair Phase 2	The PCC of St Martin's Church, Herne	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £327,700 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £29,200 (78% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
26b.	St Mary's, Buckland: restoration, improvement, management, accessibility, engagement	St Marys' Church, Buckland	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £204,900 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £20,500 (54% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
26c.	St Mary's Church, Restoration Project	St Mary's Church, Chartham	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £203,900 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £14,600 (67% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
26d.	St. Michael and All Angels, Waddesdon: Major Works to prevent water ingress and associated repairs	Parish of Waddesdon with Over Winchendon and Fleet Marston	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £109,100 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £24,200 (55% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
26e.	The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Upwaltham fabric repairs	St Mary the Virgin Church UpWaltham	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £81,100 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £15,600 (72% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
26f.	St Faith's Church repair and restoration project	St Faith's Church, Lee-on-the-Solent	REJECT
26g.	Roof and tower repairs to St Nicholas Church following a quinquennial inspection	St Nicholas At Wade Fabric Committee	REJECT
26h.	Significant repairs to the ancient Church building and providing toilet facilities for the community	St Mary Magdalene	REJECT
26i.	St Andrew's Church Shrivenham, Restoration, Heritage Investigation and Community Improvement Project	St Andrew's Church Shrivenham	REJECT
26j.	Hailey St John "Fix the Floor Plus" project	St John's church, Hailey. Witney. Oxon	REJECT
26k.	St Lawrence Church, Chobham, Surrey - Urgent repairs to tower badly damaged by water ingress	Parochial Church Council of St Lawrence, Chobham with St Saviour, Valley End	REJECT

**SF4 First round Board case papers for discussion and recommendation:
Townscape Heritage**

27. Townscape Heritage Overview

The Committee noted the overview.

28. Maidstone Townscape Heritage Project - Reimagining Gabriel's Hill and Lower Stone Street; TH-16-00829

CSEE 2016 (4) 28

Applicant: Maidstone Borough Council

Request: first round pass of £1,966,900 including development grant of £49,900 (90% of total eligible development costs)

Project: This scheme centred on Gabriel's Hill and Lower Stone Street, two of the oldest in medieval Maidstone. The project would re-establish the historic coherence and character of an area suffering from a decline in footfall and retail. The scheme area had become increasingly neglected, with historic buildings underused, inappropriately altered and dilapidated. The project would restore and return to use heritage buildings, and improve the public realm and the local environment. Visitor numbers, traditional skills, community engagement and understanding of local history would all be improved, as will linkages to Maidstone's other heritage assets.

The Committee for South East England recommended the project to the Townscape Heritage delegated decision panel as a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

29. Northdown Road Cliftonville Townscape Heritage; TH-16-02529

CSEE 2016 (4) 29

Applicant: Thanet District Council

Request: first round pass of £1,999,600 including development grant of £39,600 (90% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To improve the condition of the public realm and historic buildings of particular merit along Northdown Road, Cliftonville to ensure the area's potential as a shopping street of character is achieved and maintained. Alongside capital works, an activity plan would be drawn up in the development round and the applicant would partner with Kent School of Architecture to provide skill development opportunities.

The Committee for South East England recommended the project to the Townscape Heritage delegated decision panel as a **MEDIUM PRIORITY** for support.

30. Seaside Road; TH-16-02678

CSEE 2016 (4) 30

Applicant: Eastbourne Borough Council

Request: first round pass of £1,641,100 including development grant of £136,000 (58% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To deliver improvements to buildings and public realm along Seaside Road, Eastbourne. The proposed scheme area falls within the Town Centre and Seafront Conservation Area in Eastbourne's Devonshire Ward. Alongside capital works the local community would be engaged through research workshops, a vacant shop would provide activities and work with local colleges to provide training programmes in traditional construction skills.

The Committee for South East England recommended the project to the Townscape Heritage delegated decision panel as a **LOW PRIORITY** for support.

31. Prioritisation

Oral

The Committee prioritised the applications as follows:

- Item 28. Maidstone Townscape Heritage Project – High Priority
- Item 29. Northdown Road Cliftonville Townscape Heritage – Medium Priority
- Item 30. Seaside Road – Low Priority

Papers for information

- 32. Minutes from the meeting of the Regional and Country Chairs on 11 October 2016**
CSEE 2016 (4) 32
The Committee noted the minutes.
- 33. Equality Steering Group Annual report**
CSEE 2016 (4) 33
The Committee noted the report.
- 34. Review of delegated grants**
CSEE 2016 (4) 34
The Committee noted the paper.
- 35. Communications Report**
CSEE 2016 (4) 35
The Committee noted the report.
- 36. Corporate Update**
CSEE 2016 (4) 36
The Committee noted the paper.
- 37. Any other business**
CSEE 2016 (4) 37
There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 1 March 2017.