

Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for the South West Meeting on 20 June 2017

CSW 2017 (2)

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the South West held on 20 June 2017 at 10.00 a.m. at The X Centre, Commercial Road, Exeter EX2 4AD.

Members:

- Stephen Boyce (Chair)
- Phil Collins
- Neil Cossons (NHMF Trustee)
- Tamsin Daniel
- Sue Minter
- Wilbert Smith
- Evelyn Stacey
- Sarah Staniforth

Committee Business

1. Welcome

Oral

The Chair welcomed Catherine Stevenson and Olivia Gore from the Big Lottery Fund who were in attendance for the Parks for People cases.

2. Declarations of Interest

Oral

The following declarations of interest were made:

Item 15 - Brownsea Island

- Stephen Boyce and Wilbert Smith both declared that they were members of Dorset Wildlife Trust, the applicant.
- Phil Collins and Sarah Staniforth declared that they were former members of National Trust staff. The National Trust owned the reserve and leased it to the applicant.

Item 20d. - Lanhydrock Parish Church

- Sarah Staniforth and Phil Collins declared that they were former members of National Trust staff. The church was adjacent to the National Trust property Lanhydrock House.

The Committee agreed that none of the declarations represented conflicts of interest.

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Townscape Heritage

3. Parks for People Overview

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Five first round applications had been received for consideration by HLF and Big Lottery Fund (BLF) in England totalling a request of £14.67m against a budget of £12.5m for the June Parks for People Joint Decision-Making Panel, with one being from the South West. 10 second round applications had been received in England, with one being from the South West.

4. Stoke Park: a tale of the Purdown Percy and the Wizard's Wand; PP-15-08463

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Applicant: Bristol City Council (Environment and Leisure Services)

Request: A first round pass of £2,687,500 including development grant of £285,600 (70% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To undertake the regeneration of the Grade II registered Stoke Park in Bristol, restoring the original Thomas Wright design and removing key historic features from the Heritage At Risk register. New visitor facilities and a programme of activities and events would encourage people of all ages and a number of hard to reach groups to visit and enjoy the park. Improvements would be made to park facilities and access, including construction of a visitor car park, cafe and improvements to the highway entrance. A full time Activity Officer would be recruited.

The HLF South West Committee and the Big Lottery Fund representative recommended the application to the Parks for People Delegated Decision Panel.

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

5. Poole Park Life; PP-14-02841

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Grantee: Borough of Poole

Request: AWARD GRANT OF £2,713,000 (76%)

Project: The restoration of the landscape and built heritage features of Poole Park. Wildlife biodiversity would be increased by improving the condition of the water bodies in the park. The visitor experience would be enhanced and greater public participation would be encouraged. The project would be delivered in partnership with the Friends of Poole Park, heritage groups, local education providers and other local groups. A Project Manager, Public Engagement Officer and Contracts Officer would be funded through the project.

The HLF Board and BIG England Parks for People Committee awarded a first round pass of £2,970,200 including a development grant of £256,500, 89% of eligible development costs (split between distributors: HLF £171,000; 66.66% and BIG £85,500; 33.33%) in December 2014.

The HLF South West Committee and the Big Lottery Fund representative recommended the application to the Parks for People Delegated Decision Panel.

Reports

6. Chair's report

Oral

The Chair provided an update on his activities since the last Committee meeting.

7. Minutes of the last meeting on 14 March 2017

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

8. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

9. South West Annual Review 2016

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- A record 333 applications had been received over the year.
- SF4 targets for diversity had been exceeded and a good range of bids had been received from the region's Priority Development Areas.

The Committee congratulated the team on their successes and thanked them for their hard work.

10. South West Operating Plan for 2017

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The Committee noted the key priorities for the team in the 2017-18 year.

11. South West Regional Overview

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The Committee were given an update on key developments in the region.

12. South West Regional Budget

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Six first round Heritage Grants/Heritage Enterprise cases had been received with a total request of £4.24m against a budget of £1,475,000. The Committee noted the competitive nature of the batch and that prioritisation of the cases would be required.

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

13. Seaton Tramway- Travels through Heritage and the Axe Valley; HG-16-00779

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Applicant: Modern Electric Tramways Ltd

Request: A first round pass of £465,000 including development grant of £45,000 (67%of total eligible development costs)

Project: To establish new facilities and resources across the Seaton Tramway branch line, accompanied by a three year activity programme, to enable more people to engage with the heritage of the tramway and its relationship to the Axe Valley and the wider Jurassic Coast. Activities would include special events, participation activities and creative projects and new projects would be devised to work with people with dementia, to combat isolation and loneliness and to develop activities for those with mental health issues. Interpretation and information panels would be installed at Colyton station and at other points along the route, linking the tramway to Seaton Wetlands.

The committee **AWARDED** a first round pass of £465,000 including development grant of £45,000 (67%of total eligible development costs).

14. A New and Sustainable Life for Barnstaple's Church of the Immaculate Conception; HE-16-01990

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Applicant: Barnstaple Building Preservation Trust

Request: A first round pass of £1,073,800 including a development grant of £102,200 (53% of eligible development costs)

Project: To fully restore the Grade II listed Church of the Immaculate Conception in Barnstaple, creating spaces for small creative businesses and local community use. A training programme would be developed with apprenticeships and work placements throughout the restoration.

The Committee agreed that the application would be **REJECTED** due to concerns raised.

15. Wild About Brownsea Island- Britain's Favourite Nature Reserve; HG-16-04336

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Applicant: Dorset Wildlife Trust

Request: A first round pass of £679,500 including development grant of £103,00 (77%of total eligible development costs).

Project: To address the conservation, accessibility and sustainability needs of the Brownsea Island Nature Reserve, by enhancing the visitor experience, creating new welcome and learning facilities making, the island accessible for disabled people for the first time. A wide range of volunteer support systems would be developed. An Engagement and Volunteering Officer and Education and Outreach Officer would be recruited.

The Committee agreed the application represented a high priority but **REJECTED** it due to insufficient funds.

16. Newton's Place: An accessible community space celebrating heritage, the town and its people; HG-16-04092

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Applicant: Newton Abbot Town Council

Request: A first round pass of £949,500 including development grant of £150,000 (61%of total eligible development costs)

Project: A three year project, Newton's Place, to relocate the existing Newton Abbot and GWR Museum from its current location into St Leonards Church, Newton Abbot. The project would fund works to the listed building and provide improved displays and collection management care. A full programme of public learning and engagement would be delivered.

The committee **AWARDED** a first round pass of £949,500 including development grant of £150,000 (61%of total eligible development costs).

17. Bristol- My Wild City; HG-16-09092

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Applicant: Avon Wildlife Trust

Request: A first round pass of £499,000 including development grant of £41,500 (76%of total eligible development costs)

Project: Delivered in partnership with Bristol City Council (BCC) the project would carry out habitat restoration with local communities at 8 key Local Wildlife Sites across Bristol. Engage local communities and help them deliver more, better and joined-up spaces for wildlife in Bristol. New audiences would be engaged with the natural environment to build interest and knowledge, and communities would be empowered to contribute to the long-term management of wildlife habitat in their Local Wildlife Site, park, open space or garden.

The committee **AWARDED** a first round pass of £499,000 including development grant of £41,500 (76%of total eligible development costs)

18. Willsbridge Mill Heritage Project; HG-16-06283

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Applicant: Willsbridge Mill Community Refresh

Request: A first round pass of £574,300 including development grant of £46,800 (78%of total eligible development costs).

Project: A 4-year project to repair and refurbish a 19th-century barn, part of a Grade II listed complex of mill buildings in Willsbridge, South Gloucestershire, creating a visitor destination and ensuring the sustainability of the Willsbridge Mill site. The renovated barn would contain a visitor welcome area, community café, office spaces for hire and a flexible space for community use and event hire. An education and training programme, new volunteer programme and a wide range of community events would be delivered and interpretation would be installed within the barn and around the site.

The Committee **REJECTED** the application due to concerns raised.

19. Prioritisation and feedback to applicants

Oral

During the case by case discussions the Committee considered that:

- Item 13 - *Seaton Tramway- Travels through Heritage and the Axe Valley*; Item 15 - *Wild About Brownsea Island*; Item 16 - *Newton's Place* and item 17 - *Bristol- My Wild City* were high priorities for support.
- Item 18 - *Willsbridge Mill Heritage Project* – was a low priority for support.
- Item 14 - *A New and Sustainable Life for Barnstaple's Church of the Immaculate Conception* should be rejected.

Items 14 and 18 were rejected due to the concerns raised.

There was insufficient budget to fund all high priority cases. The Committee agreed that item 13 - *Seaton Tramway*, item 16 - *Newton's Place* and item 17 - *Bristol- My Wild City* were the highest priority applications and awarded them first round passes. The remaining application was rejected due to insufficient funds.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Grants for Places of Worship

20. Grants for Places of Worship applications

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One second round application had been received that had requested an uplift that is above the threshold for decision by the Head of Region. The Committee took the following decision:

SF4 Second Round: Grants for Places of Worship

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
20a.	Vestry underpinning (Church of the Holy Trinity)	Newton St Loe PCC	AWARD GRANT OF £84,000 (55%)

10 first round applications had been received with a total grant request of £1,917,200 against a regional budget of £475,000.

At the initial sift, Historic England had indicated that seven applications did have such urgent repair needs as the other applications in the same batch and were not taken to full assessment.

The remaining three cases underwent full assessment with Historic England providing detailed technical advice to establish the urgency of the repair works. HLF assessment 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 noted that all three churches were considered to have urgent repair needs and were on the "at risk" register. St Julitta's Church, Lanteglos (item 20b) and Lanhydrock Parish Church (item 20d) were Grade I listed.

There were insufficient funds to support all three remaining cases. The Committee took the following decisions:

SF4 First Round: Grants for Places of Worship

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
20b.	Lanteglos Church - roof repairs and general restoration	St Julitta's Church Lanteglos	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £248,400 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £16,900 (50% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
20c.	Creation of Community space for the village of Isle Brewers	Isle Brewer PCC and Village Community of Isle Brewers	REJECT
20d.	Lanhydrock Parish Church Essential Roof repairs and enhanced visitor interpretation	Lanhydrock Church Parochial Church Council	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £250,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £24,000 (73% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
20h.	St Peter's Church, Bishopsworth, Bristol, urgent repairs to fabric	St. Peters Church	REJECT
20i.	Refurbishing St Leonards Church following the most recent Quinquennial report	St Leonards Church Parochial Church Council, Upton St Leonards	REJECT
20j.	Urgent high level repairs and associated maintenance tasks with improved visitor interpretation	Lanivet Church	REJECT
20e.	Raise the roof and learn from the past	Holy Trinity Church, Binegar	REJECT
20d.	Structural repairs to church tower	Dursley PCC	REJECT
20b.	St Mary's Church: Urgent repairs and community and visitor's heritage project	PCC of St Mary the Virgin St Briavels	REJECT

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
20g.	Repairs - St Giles Church	St Giles Church-Bradford on Tone	REJECT

The committee noted that three second round churches had been decided at delegated Batch level by the Head of Region since the last Committee meeting:

- St Thomas Exeter (£229,100)
- Sancreed Parish Church (£205,300)
- St Clement Truro Major (£166,100)

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

21. Mayflower 400 National Trail Project; Cross-territory HG-16-09042

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Applicant: Plymouth City Council

Request: A first round pass of £4,749,200 including development grant of £740,500 (46%of total eligible development costs)

Project: A two year project to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower journey through a National Trail linking 11 key locations in Britain. The trail would engage the public with the heritage of the Mayflower. Three strands would be delivered across the 11 locations: A Physical Trail at each destination, a Digital Trail and a programme of engagement activities.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board, who would determine the application in June 2017.

22. North Sea Crossings; Cross-territory HG-16-05996

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Applicant: Bristol University

Request: A first round pass of £163,100 including development grant of £8,200 (16%of total eligible development costs)

Project: A 3 year project working closely with two special educational needs (SEN) schools and primary and secondary mainstream schools in Oxfordshire and Bristol would be delivered in partnership with the Bodleian Library and delivery partners Flash of Splendour and Aardman Animation. The project would be co-funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC). The project would make Anglo-Dutch medieval literary heritage accessible to a wide public audience, with a particular emphasis on attracting older children and families that would not normally engage with this type of heritage.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board, who would Board would determine the application in June 2017.

23. Lower Otter Restoration Project; HG-14-00590

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Applicant: East Devon Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust

Request: A first round pass of £3,953,800 including development grant of £710,800 (50%of total eligible development costs)

Project: A 5 year partnership project between the East Devon Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust (EDPHCT) and the Environment Agency (EA). The Lower Otter river would be reconnected to its original floodplain allowing it to adapt and respond naturally to flooding events predicted under climate change scenarios. By allowing tidal and fluvial flooding to ebb and flow naturally, the project would create 29 hectares of rare and nationally important inter-tidal habitat and improve the quality of over 21 ha of grazing marsh. A programme of engagement activities would be delivered, including physical and digital interpretation, development of educational resources and volunteer and training opportunities.

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

24. Vicar's Close- A medieval street singing through the centuries; HG-14-09317

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Applicant: Wells Cathedral

Request: A first round pass of £4,758,500 including development grant of £421,500 (55%of total eligible development costs)

Project: To conserve the historic Vicars' Close and open three of the buildings up to the public, providing interpretation of their important heritage. Capital works would include complete conservation works to all the buildings within the close as well as a careful review of the on-going management and maintenance requirements. A programme of activities, including new opportunities for volunteering would be developed and would follow three main themes around the buildings' history: the people who built it, who lived there and the musical heritage related to the Vicars Choral.

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

25. Bristol's Victorian Magistrates Court Regeneration Project; HE-16-08771

CSW 2017 (2) 25

Applicant: Creative Youth Network

Request: A first round pass of £4,451,400 including development grant of £295,200 (69%of total eligible development costs)

Project: The project would restore the Grade II listed Old Magistrates Court in central Bristol and convert the spaces for mixed use to support the work of the Creative Youth Network and its on-going financial security. The historically significant parts of the building including the main entrance hall, fine lobbies and the most intact courtroom would be fully conserved and restored with the restoration works being used as an exemplar training project for young people. Other less historically significant spaces in the building would be restored and adapted for use as office space and other commercial purposes.

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

26. Prioritisation of items (if needed)

Oral

The cross-territory applications did not require prioritisation.

The prioritisation of the regional applications was agreed as:

- Bristol's Victorian Magistrates Court Regeneration Project – High Priority (1 of 3)
- Vicar's Close- A medieval street singing through the centuries – High Priority (2 of 3)
- Lower Otter Restoration Project – High Priority (3 of 3)

SF4 second round applications for discussion and recommendation: Heritage Grants

27. Tank Museum- Conservation in Action; HG-15-02881

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Grantee: The Tank Museum

Request: A grant of £2,039,300 (48%)

Project: The fourth and final phase of the Master Plan for the Tank Museum. New workshop facilities would be constructed and fitted-out as an extension to the HLF funded Vehicle Conservation Centre. A new range of activities would be delivered including an apprenticeship scheme and related training programme and a research programme to advance conservation knowledge that would be directly applied to the care of the museum's collection and enable their programme of live displays to continue, as well as bringing a wider benefit for other historic vehicles and collections.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £2,111,100 including a development grant of £71,800, 45% of eligible development costs in May 2016.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board.

Papers for information

28. Corporate Update

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Anne Jenkins provided an overview of the report.

29. Communications Report

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The Committee noted the report.

30. Minutes from the meeting of the Regional and Country Chairs on 9 May 2017

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The Committee noted the minutes.

31. Corporate Business Plan 2017-18

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The Committee noted the item, which had been circulated by email.

32. Any other business

Oral

The Committee provided updates on interesting visits and events they had been to.

The next meeting will be held on 19 September 2017