

# Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber Meeting on 25 November 2015

CYH 2015 (4)

## Summary report of the meeting at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 25 November 2015 at the Leeds Office.

**Members:** Gary Verity (Chair)  
Angela Dean (Trustee)  
Sue Mendus  
Keith Sweetmore  
Cynthia Wainwright  
John Williams  
Selina Ullah

### **1. Chair's report** **Oral**

Gary Verity welcomed Lucy Vasiliou, the new Office Manager. Rebecca Eyre was now working on the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Scheme.

Gary reported on the recent meeting of Country and Regional Chairs.

The Committee noted the report.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting on 9 September 2015** **CYH 2015 (4) 2**

The minutes were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

### **3. Matters arising from the Minutes** **Oral**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **4. Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Overview** **CYH 2015 (4) 4**

Fiona Spiers reported on developments in the region since the dispatch of papers:

The Committee noted the report.

### **5. Yorkshire and the Humber Budget** **CYH 2015 (4) 5**

Kathryn Frankish presented the budget paper. There were four first round applications for decision with a combined first round pass request of £2,597,200 against an indicative first round pass budget allocation for the meeting of £2,820,250.

The Committee noted the update from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services on end of year budget arrangements. Country and Regional Committees would have the flexibility to overspend their first round pass budgets by up to 2.5% at the March 2016 meeting.

The Committee noted the budget paper.

## 6. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Sue Mendus declared a conflict of interest in item 10 - Stirley Community Farm as her husband was the Honorary Treasurer of the applicant organisation, the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

There were no other declarations of interest.

### SF4 First round applications for discussion and decision

- Heritage Grants

## 7. Coalfield Conversations: Increasing Visitor Engagement through Facilitated Surface Interpretation; HG-14-09364

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The National Coal Mining Museum for England Trust Limited sought a first round pass to overhaul the visitor offer on the surface at the site, to match the quality of the popular underground experience. The project would provide new interpretation, expand the volunteering programme, improve signage and site navigation and remodel the visitor entrance area.

The Committee had deferred this application in September 2015 as a result of the sudden and unexpected resignation of the museum director, which had represented a material change in circumstances.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £646,700, including development funding of £29,900 (95% of total eligible development costs).

## 8. Saltaire Stories: Past, Present and Future; HG-15-00055

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Saltaire World Heritage Education Association sought a first round pass to improve care, access and engagement at the Saltaire Archive, located at Shipley College in Saltaire. The archive contained material dating back to the 1850s and was currently not well used or understood. The project would train volunteer archivists, catalogue and conserve the collection, digitise key items, deliver educational activities and establish an educational website.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a medium priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £123,400, including development funding of £11,700 (72% of total eligible development costs).

## 9. Reconnecting Nature and People in Nidderdale; HG-15-01848

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Harrogate Borough Council sought a first round pass for a project to collect data on the habitats and wildlife of Nidderdale, engage people with their natural heritage and create habitat sustainability models and conservation action plans to safeguard the long term future of this important natural environment. People would be engaged with their natural heritage through a volunteering programme, training events, workshops for school and university students and the production of new digital interpretation.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a medium priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £258,700, including development funding of £15,000 (90% of total eligible development costs).

## 10. Stirley Community Farm: A Living Landscape; HG-15-01013

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*Sue Mendus declared a conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion and prioritisation of this item*

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust sought a first round pass of £1,568,400, including development funding of £65,600 (89% of total eligible development costs) to complete the development programme at Stirley Community Farm. The Trust had acquired the farm in 2011 in a state of disrepair. The proposed scheme would restore hay meadows, dry stone walling, fencing and farm buildings, install piped water to fields and provide new interpretation for visitors. Volunteering and skills programmes would also be delivered.

The Committee agreed that the application did not represent good value for money for HLF and rejected it.

**11. Prioritisation of first round items Oral**

Having already rejected item 10, Stirley Community Farm, and with reference to the available budget the Committee agreed to award first round passes to the following applications:

- Item 7 – Coalfield Conversations
- Item 8 – Saltaire Stories
- Item 9 – Reconnecting Nature and People and Nidderdale

**SF4 First round Board applications for discussion and recommendation**

- **Heritage Grants**

**12. Made in Hull – Hull UK City of Culture 2017 Heritage; HG-15-02218 CYH 2015 (4) 12**

Hull UK City of Culture 2017 Ltd sought a first round pass of £2,950,900, including development funding of £245,000 (75% of total eligible development costs) for a public engagement project, focused on the heritage of Hull as part of the opening season of the Hull UK City of Culture 2017. The first phase 'Caravan of Love' would collect memories and photographs and exhibit these in a series of caravans, in a reference to Hull's history of caravan manufacturing. A subsequent phase of the project 'The Defiance' would focus on the City's refusal to support Charles I in the opening phases of the English Civil War.

The Committee recommended the application for rejection by the Board.

- **Heritage Enterprise**

**13. Bradford Live – transforming an iconic landmark into a world class city centre entertainment facility; HE-14-08274 CYH 2015 (4) 13**

Bradford Live sought a first round pass of £4,997,100, including development funding of £472,900 (86% of total eligible development costs) to acquire and repair the Bradford Odeon and develop it as a performance space. The building was not listed, but was considered to be of national importance by the Theatre Trust, who listed it as at risk. The main auditorium would be restored to its original 1930s dimensions with a capacity of 4,500 for live music events. The restaurant and ballroom would be restored for flexible event and exhibition use. A programme of community engagement events would be delivered.

Overall the Committee agreed that the application represented a medium priority for support.

- **Parks for People**

**14. Parks for People Overview CYH 2015 (4) 14**

The Committee noted the overview report.

**15. Sheffield General Cemetery Park; PP-14-05702** **CYH 2015 (4) 15**

Sheffield City Council sought a first round pass of £3,528,000, including development funding of £429,600 (90% of total eligible development funding) to restore and make more accessible the Grade II\* registered Sheffield General Cemetery park. Capital works would include repair and conservation of the catacombs, walls, monuments, paths and railings and installation of new signage, interpretation and seating. A comprehensive programme of activities, community engagement and learning would also be delivered.

The Committee and BLF representative agreed that the application represented a high priority for support.

- **Townscape Heritage**

**16. Townscape Heritage Overview** **CYH 2015 (4) 16**

The Committee noted the report.

**17. Bradford City Centre Townscape Heritage Scheme; TH-14-09579** **CYH 2015 (4) 17**

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council sought a first round pass of £1,991,800, including development funding of £61,800 (86% of total eligible development costs) for a TH scheme located within the Bradford City Centre Conservation Area. The scheme would target 22 of the 78 listed buildings within the area and address poor quality repairs, inappropriate alterations and signage, poor physical condition, vacancy or under-use and loss of architectural detail. Two public realm improvement projects would also be undertaken.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a high priority for support and the first of the two high priorities from the region.

**18. Rotherham Town Centre Townscape Heritage - Building on the Momentum; TH-14-09721** **CYH 2015 (4) 18**

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council sought a first round pass of £1,779,200, including development funding of £79,200 (80% of total eligible development costs) for a TH scheme in Rotherham Town Centre Conservation Area. This scheme would constitute Phase II and build on the recently completed Phase I TH scheme in Rotherham. All the high priority projects were concentrated in the Westgate Chambers Block, all owned by the applicant but soon to be sold to a single property developer for nil consideration. The medium and reserve projects were mainly located in Westgate Chambers Block, Westgate and High Street. The project would also pedestrianize Domine Lane, to create new public realm. Local schools and colleges would be engaged and apprenticeships would be offered.

The Committee recommended the application for rejection.

**19. Central Cleethorpes Seafront Townscape Heritage Project – 'Discover Cleethorpes' Heritage'; TH-15-02424** **CYH 2015 (4) 19**

North East Lincolnshire Council sought a first round pass of £1,972,800, including development funding of £39,000 (51% of total eligible development costs) for a TH scheme based on the Central Seafront Conservation Area in Cleethorpes. Historic shop fronts, architectural features and balconies would be restored, buildings would be brought back into use and public realm works would be undertaken. A heritage trail and smartphone app would be produced and volunteering opportunities delivered.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a high priority for support and the second of two high priority applications from the region.

## 20. Prioritisation of Townscape Heritage cases

Oral

The Committee agreed that Item 17 (Bradford City Centre) was the first of the two high priority applications.

- Grants for Places of Worship

## 21. GPOW Overview and Decisions

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The Committee made the following decisions:

	<b>Project title</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>GEMS</b>
21a	St John the Evangelist Church, Oulton with Woodlesford, Roof and Rainwater Repairs	St John the Evangelist Church, Leeds	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £192,400 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £18,100 (71% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-15-01839
21b	Revealing, Sharing and Caring for our Heritage – Holy Trinity Church, Messingham	Holy Trinity Church Messingham	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £229,600 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £26,200 (79% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-15-02463
21c	Repairs to Roof	St James' Church, Heckmondwike, Kirklees	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £198,500 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £17,000 (81% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-15-03126
21d	Celebrating our Past, Securing Our Future, Renewal at the heart of the Woodlands Model Village	All Saints Church – Woodlands, Doncaster	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £238,400 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £19,400 (79% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-15-00791
21e	St Etheldreda West Halton Restoration and Sustainability Project	West Halton Parochial Church Council, Scunthorpe	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £207,500 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £28,600 (92% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-15-02427
21f	St Andrew's, Middleton Restoration, Renewing Main Lead Roof	Middleton Church PCC, Pickering	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £199,600 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £21,100 (83% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-15-01405
21g	Restoring St Catherine's Church to its rightful place in the heritage of Barmby Moor	PCC of St Catherine's Church, Barmby Moor	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £199,900 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £16,600 (83% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-15-01816
21h	Holy Trinity Hull – Essential Works to the Nave Roof	Holy Trinity Hull, Kingston-upon-Hull	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £216,800 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £21,800 (77% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-15-02005
21i	Conserving a Landmark Building	St Mary's Church, Gomersal, Kirklees	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £203,300 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £16,500 (83% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-15-03131

21j	New Roof and Access Improvements	St Bartholomew's Church, Meltham, York	REJECT	GP-15-02254
21k	Entrance Porch Roof Repairs and tower covering repairs	All Saints Church Featherstone	REJECT	GP-15-00493
21l	Repairs to Tower	St Paul's PCC King Cross, Halifax	REJECT	GP-15-03124
21m	St Gabriel's Church Stanbury Roof Repair	Haworth Parochial Church Council	REJECT	GP-15-00573
21n	Christ Church Mount Pellon Refurbishment	Parochial Church Council of Mount Pellon, Halifax	REJECT	GP-15-01119
21o	St Mary's Beverley urgent, essential repairs of upper clerestories masonry	Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's Beverley	REJECT	GP-15-03319

### Papers for Discussion

#### 22. Priority Development Area review

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The Committee agreed to continue with the existing priority development areas.

#### 23. SF5 Discussion

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The Committee noted the update to the strategic framework.

### Papers for Information

#### 24. Minutes from the meeting of the Regional and Country Chairs on 13 October 2015

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#### 25. Review of Delegated Grants

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#### 26. Report of the Equality Steering Group

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#### 27. Communications Report

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#### 28. Corporate Update

Oral

The Committee noted the items.

#### 29. Any other business

Oral

There were no other items of business.

**The next meeting will be held on 17 March 2016.**