

# Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber Meeting on 17 March 2016

CYH 2016 (1) Minutes

**Summary report of the meeting held at 10am on Thursday 17 March 2016 in the Leeds Office.**

## **Members:**

- John Williams (Acting Chair)
- Angela Dean (Trustee)
- Sue Mendus
- Keith Sweetmore
- Cynthia Wainwright
- Selina Ullah

## **Apologies:**

- Gary Verity

## **Committee Business**

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

**Oral**

The Committee noted that this was Selina Ullah's last meeting and thanked her for her contribution to the Yorkshire & the Humber committee.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting on 25 November 2015**

**CYH 2016 (1) 2**

The Committee approved the minutes of the last meeting.

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

**Oral**

There were none.

### **4. Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Overview**

**CYH 2016 (1) 4**

Fiona Spiers focussed on the recent floods and how they had affected levels of applications the team had received across the Yorkshire and the Humber region. Fiona then reported on developments in the region since the dispatch of papers.

The Committee noted the report.

## **5. Yorkshire and the Humber Budget**

**CYH 2016 (1) 5**

Kathryn Frankish presented the budget paper. There were four first round applications for decision with a combined first round pass request of £3,583,600 against an indicative first round pass budget allocation for the meeting of £4,611,700.

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

The Committee noted the budget paper.

## **6. Declarations of Interest**

**Oral**

There were none.

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

### **7. To establish a road transport Museum securing the long term future for unique exhibits**

**CYH 2016 (1) 7**

Keighley Bus Museum Trust (KBMT) sought a first round pass to help protect a collection of approximately 100 historic vehicles. The project would purchase the premises that KBMT currently leases, replace the roof, improve facilities and deliver new interpretation and activities. HBMT's limited provision for schools would be expanded and enhanced by establishing a structured education programme. There would also be a volunteer programme.

The Committee considered the project a medium priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £1,774,400 including a development grant of £49,500 (90% of total eligible development costs).

### **8. If Trees Could Talk**

**CYH 2016 (1) 8**

Castle Howard Arboretum Trust sought a first round pass to improve physical and intellectual access through its site in the grounds of Castle Howard, near Malton. Physical access improvements would include works to the Visitor Centre (VC) entrance and interior and the network of paths; providing maps, orientation materials in the VC; and installing signs out on-site. Interpretation works would tell the stories of the exploration and gathering of the trees and relating them to the history and geography of the UK. The project would also build a new Learning and Activity Centre with timber from the Arboretum.

The Committee considered the project a medium priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £506,600 including development grant of £44,400 (84% of total Eligible development costs) on the condition that a mentor was appointed.

**9. Yorkshire Man of Steel 'Interpretation Hub & Observation Tower', Rotherham, South Yorks**

**CYH 2016 (1) 9**

Yorkshire Icon Ltd, sought a first round pass to engage people in the steel and coal mining heritage of the area. An Interpretation Hub and Observation Tower would be built which forms part of a wider project called the Yorkshire Man of Steel, which would include a 32 metre high stainless steel sculpture sitting on top of the Observation Tower. The site would occupy an elevated position close to J34 of the M1 and would be highly visible in both directions.

The Committee considered the project a medium priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £973,400, including Development Grant of £106,000 (80% of total eligible development costs).

**10. Guildhall Greenwich Time Ball Restoration**

**CYH 2016 (1) 10**

Hull City Council sought a first round pass to reinstate and interpret a fully working 'Greenwich Timeball' on the tower of the Guildhall in Hull. Architectural features on the tower built for and supporting the Timeball would be restored and the knowledge and skills of the city's long-term Clock Custodian captured and passed on. There would be a public events programme of tours, talks, events and science-focussed family activities, led by volunteers and experts.

Overall, the Committee considered the project a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £329,200, including development grant of £47,100 (76% of total eligible development costs)

**11. Prioritisation of first round items**

**Oral**

There was no need to prioritise items.

**SF4 Second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants**

**12. The Pocklington Canal - A Gem In The Landscape**

**CYH 2016 (1) 12**

The Canal & River Trust sought a grant to conserve and improve the natural and built heritage of the Pocklington Canal and to enhance people's understanding of this important heritage. Excess vegetation would be cleared from the canal channel and banks to allow species to return to the waterway. Repairs would also be carried out to key historic bridges. Interpretation would be improved and volunteering opportunities would be provided.

The Committee awarded a grant of £496,600 (73%)

**13. Wings across the Ings**

**CYH 2016 (1) 13**

The Garganey Trust sought a grant to improve the wildlife habitat of part of the Dearne Nature Improvement Area. This would be achieved through the acquisition of a 44 acre field which adjoined areas of land already owned by the Trust, and the management and enhancement of the existing habitat. A volunteering programme would be established to deliver on-going habitat conservation and management.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber awarded a first round pass of £579,700 including development grant of £38,200 (78% of total eligible development costs) in November 2013.

The Committee awarded a grant of £611,100 (67%)

**14. St George's Hall restoration and development**

**CYH 2016 (1) 14**

Bradford Metropolitan District Council sought a grant for a project at the Grade II\* listed St George's Hall, located in Bradford City Centre. A programme of capital works would restore and conserve the exterior and interior of the building and make it more accessible and appropriate for a variety of cultural and community uses. Programmes of activities and education would also be delivered.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber awarded a first round pass of £1,379,400, including development grant of £79,000 (51% of total eligible development costs) in September 2014.

The Committee awarded a grant of £1,500,000 (40%).

**15. St John's Sharow Vision Phase 2 - Preserving the heritage and building for the future**

**CYH 2016 (1) 15**

St John's Sharow Parochial Church Council sought a grant to enhance access at the church, protect heritage and improve the visitor offer. Repair and conservation work would be carried out at the historically significant church, and visitor facilities would be improved. Educational facilities would also be improved and an activity programme delivered.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber awarded a first round pass of £432,100, including development grant of £12,300 (95% of total eligible development costs) in March 2014.

The Committee awarded a grant of £520,800 (83%).

**16. Richmond Castle Cells: Voices of Rebellion**

**CYH 2016 (1) 16**

English Heritage sought a grant to conserve, research and share stories surrounding graffiti from the First World War in the cells at Richmond Castle. The graffiti had been applied by imprisoned conscientious objectors and was at risk of further deterioration. Heritage would be shared through interpretation, community events and a volunteer programme.

The Committee awarded a first round pass of £357,900 including a development grant of £25,900 (50% of eligible development costs) in November 2014.

The Committee awarded a grant of £520,800 (83%)

**17. Burnby Hall Gardens Golden Jubilee Restoration Project**

**CYH 2016 (1) 17**

Stewart's Burnby Hall Gardens and Museums Trust sought a grant for a programme of works at Burnby Hall Gardens, an early Edwardian estate bequeathed by Major Percy Stewart to the people of Pocklington. Capital works included restoring two lakes and a rock garden, repurposing existing space to increase activities and revitalising the National Collection of Hardy Water Lilies. An expanded learning and volunteering programme would be developed.

The Committee awarded a first round pass of £547,100, including a development grant of £20,900 (87% of eligible development costs), in November 2014.

The Committee awarded a grant of £634,800 (89%)

#### **18. Purchase of Sharow View**

**CYH 2016 (1) 18**

Ripon Museum Trust (RMT) sought a fast-track, single-stage grant to acquire Sharow View, Ripon's former Victorian workhouse site. The project would also pilot activities and deliver urgent remedial building repairs. RMT intends to seek a subsequent grant for restoration, refurbishment and a full programme of activities.

Overall, The Committee considered the project high value for money and awarded a grant of £402,400 (94%)

### **SF4 Second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants: Landscape Partnerships**

#### **19. This Exploited Land - the trailblazing story of ironstone and railways in the North York Moors**

**CYH 2016 (1) 19**

The North York Moors National Park Authority sought a grant for a 200km<sup>2</sup> Landscape Partnership, set within the North York Moors National Park. The scheme would focus on the industrial heritage of the area, especially ironstone mining, iron smelting and associated infrastructure and industries. Key industrial heritage sites would be restored and conserved, and a programme of wildlife habitat restoration would also be undertaken, including the creation of wildlife corridors. Both the area's industrial and natural heritage were currently at risk, and the scheme would conserve these for future generations. Local skills would be enhanced through a comprehensive apprenticeship scheme and education and volunteering opportunities would be provided.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £3,000,000 including a development grant of £198,000, (72% of eligible development costs) in September 2013.

The Committee awarded a grant of £2,802,000 (74%)

#### **20. Humberhead Levels Landscape Partnership Scheme: isles, moors & meadows**

**CYH 2016 (1) 20**

North Lincolnshire Council sought a grant for a Landscape Partnership based in the Isle of Axholme and the Humberhead Peatlands National Nature Reserve. The area included the UK's largest lowland raised peat bog complex, which provided a habitat for many rare species, including cranes. The scheme would restore and enhance these habitats through improved management of hydrology and the removal of invasive species such as rhododendron. Connectivity between wetland areas, currently separated by farmland, would also be improved. Historic structures would be conserved and ancient woodland protected. Skills training and an education programme would also be delivered.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £1,990,800 including a development grant of £77,500 (79% of total eligible development costs) in September 2013.

The Committee awarded a grant of £1,842,400 (57%)

## Grants for Places of Worship

### 21. GPOW Overview and Decisions

CYH 2016 (1) 21

The Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	DECISION
21a	St Denys Church, York: north Aisle Renewal Project	St Deny's Church, York	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £202,100, INCLUDING A DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £20,500 (81% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COST)
21b	Highly urgent renewal of stonework: St Edwards's Church Brotherton	St Edwards Church Brotherton	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £159,700, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £19,300 (81% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COST)
21c	Conserving St John's Church, the focal point of the Birkby Conservation area	St Johns Church Birkby	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £238,700 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £23,300 (78% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COST)
21d	Structural repairs to the building. Re-ordering of the interior to enable hospitality and greater community use	St Oswald's PCC Horton in Ribblesdale BD24	REJECT

### 22. Item withdrawn

## SF4 First round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Heritage Grants (March Board)

### 23. Leeds Town Hall - Restored and Revealed

CYH 2016 (1) 23

Leeds City Council Libraries, Arts and Heritage sought a first round pass of £4,800,000, including Development Grant of £250,000 (50% of the total eligible development cost) to carry out renovation works at Leeds Town Hall. The project would conserve and restore the Civic Courtroom and in the process deliver a new Assembly Room. New circulation routes and public staircases would create a clearly defined heritage trail, linking the New Assembly Room with the Tower, the Victorian cells and the historic courtroom.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board.

### 24. Extending the Ampleforth Abbey Welcome

CYH 2016 (1) 24

Ampleforth Abbey sought a first round pass of £3,118,500 including a development grant of £229,500 (82% of total eligible development costs) to address urgent works required at the Grade I listed Abbey Church at Ampleforth Abbey Estate, including restoration work to the Walker Organ.

Through a range of capital works and activities, the project would maximise the visitor experience and understanding of the heritage of Ampleforth Abbey Estate. The current Visitor Centre would be extended and visitor signage, interpretation and digital and augmented reality would be developed and installed in order to reach existing and new audiences. There would also be a range of activities to complement capital works such as oral history research, traditional heritage skills workshops and training and music-based activities.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board.

**25. Business planning and strategy update**

**Oral**

The Committee noted the update.

**26. Priority Area Development Review**

**CYH 2016 (1) 26**

Louise Claire presented the Priority Area Development Review

The Committee agreed to the revised targets for the Yorkshire and the Humber priority development areas.

## **Papers for Information**

**27. Major Projects Overview**

**CYH 2016 (1) 27**

The Committee noted the overview.

**28. Communications Report**

**CYH 2016 (1) 28**

The Committee noted the report.

**29. Corporate Update**

**Oral**

The Committee noted the update.

**30. Any other business**

**Oral**

There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 23 June 2016.