

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the North West Meeting on 16 March 2017

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Summary minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the North West held on Thursday 16 March 2017 at 9.45 a.m. in the Manchester Office.

Members:

- Tiffany Hunt (Chair)
- Steve Garland
- Aileen McEvoy
- Ivan Wadeson
- Humphrey Welfare
- Stephen Welsh

Apologies:

- Nigel de Noronha
- Jim Dixon (Trustee)

Committee Business

1. Welcomes and apologies

Oral

The Chair, Tiffany Hunt, welcomed:

- Kay Watson, the new Office Manager and Meghan O'Neil who were both observing the meeting.
- Richard Fowler, Senior Grants Officer, who was attending his last meeting as a Senior Grants Officer before taking up a new role externally.

Jim Dixon and Nigel de Noronha had both sent apologies to the meeting.

2. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair reported that she had attended a number of visits since the last meeting including the opening of the LGBT rights exhibition at the People's History Museum in Manchester which was attended by Ian McKellen.

She was disappointed to have missed HLF Chief Executive, Ros Kerslake's visit to the North West in December due to illness. However, she would be attending the Board meeting in London the following week.

3. Minutes from the meeting held on 8 September 2016

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

5. North West Overview

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Nathan Lee, Head of HLF North West, presented an overview of the region.

He thanked the North West team for their hard work in preparing for Ros Kerslake's visit in December. They had organised a series of visits across the region which had represented the diversity, need, sectoral issues and range of projects across of the North West.

Programmes

The GPOW programme would be coming to a close towards the end of the year and going forward places of worship would be funded through Our Heritage and Heritage Grants programmes. New guidance would be introduced and communication would be managed over the coming months. A suite of resources and best practice would be put in place.

Kick the Dust had seen a high number of project enquiries and six full applications. The scheme had been labour intensive for staff but had encouraged a number of new applicants.

The application from Greater Manchester Combined Authority had been successful at the Great Place delegated decision panel in March.

Other North West activity

Ongoing conversations were underway with Lottery players in preparation for the new SF5.

The September meeting would be an away day and would explore diversity in grant giving.

6. North West Budget

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Six first round Heritage Grant applications had been received totalling £4,410,300 against a budget of £6,102,700 which meant that first round cases would not be in competition with each other.

Five second round applications had been received. These could be funded if Committee were content that they were high quality and would deliver good value for money.

7. Declarations of interest

Oral

Humphrey Welfare declared an interest in item 17, Bringing Untold Stories to Life for Everyone, as he was a member of the Fabric Advisory Committee for Carlisle Cathedral.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

8. South Cumbria Species Restoration Project

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Applicant: University of Cumbria

Request: First round pass of £1,265,200 including development grant of £174,500 (89%)

Project: Natural heritage restoration within a 5000 hectare area of lowlands in Morecambe Bay and Lancashire through a programme of species introductions and community engagement activities.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £1,265,200 including development grant of £174,500 (89% of total eligible development costs)

9. Blue Coat: For All

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Applicant: The Blue Coat School, Liverpool

Request: First round pass of £181,600 including development grant of £17,800 (66%)

Project: 18 month project to restore the 1874 Father Willis organ at the Blue Coat School, Liverpool and an associated programme of activities to engage wider audiences with its heritage. The

scheme would also catalogue and conserve the school archive and make it accessible through a programme of digitisation.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass £181,600 including development grant of £17,800 (66% of total eligible development costs).

10. Discovering Bromborough 3: Interpreting the Past

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Applicant: The Land Trust

Request: First round pass of £464,300 including development grant of £35,500 (81%)

Project: Three year project to provide physical improvements and pathways at Port Sunlight River Park and create a Heritage Visitor Centre to enhance the visitor offer. An archaeology programme to explore the early history of the Bromborough Court House site would be delivered and training and volunteering opportunities would be provided with project partners.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £464,300 including development grant of £35,500 (81% of total eligible development costs)

11. The Lancashire League Experience: Celebrating 125 Years of the Lancashire Cricket League

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Applicant: Lancashire Cricket League

Request: First round pass of £366,700 including development grant of £28,600 (85%)

Project: 30 month project to catalogue and interpret the heritage of Lancashire's cricket for the first time. The Lancashire Cricket League would work alongside volunteers and partners to research, survey, catalogue and archive artefacts and memorabilia currently held by the 17 cricket clubs making up the league. An educational resource for schools would be developed and a project exhibition would be displayed at Slater Terrace, Weaver's Triangle.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £366,700 including development grant of £28,600 (85% of total eligible development costs).

12. Care and Control: Institutions, Industry and Deficiency in the North West of England

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Applicant: Wicked Fish

Request: First round pass of £333,000 including development grant of £74,000 (82%)

Project: An activity-led project to research and share the largely unexplored heritage of people affected by disabilities in the 19th and 20th centuries, exploring the institutionalised labour practices historically enforced upon these groups.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £333,000 including development grant of £74,000 (82% of total eligible development costs).

13. The Whitaker Experience: Our Heritage, Our Stories, Our Rossendale

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Applicant: Rossendale Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £1,799,500 including development grant of £90,000 (90%)

Project: To refurbish and redevelop the barn and stables, outbuildings and courtyard area adjacent to the Whitaker Museum. The new multi-use space would link to and extend the existing exhibition and storage space, enabling more of the Rossendale Collection to be displayed and ensuring the museum's long term sustainability.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a medium priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £1,799,500 including development grant of £90,000 (90% of total eligible development costs).

14. Prioritisation of first rounds

Oral

During the case by case discussions, the Committee considered that:

- South Cumbria Species Restoration Project (item 8), Blue Coat For All (item 9), Discovering Bromborough (item 10), The Lancashire League Experience (item 11), Care and Control (item 12) represented a high priority for support
- The Whitaker Experience (item 13) represented a medium priority for support

Grants for Places of Worship

15. GPOW overview and applications

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Laura Ward, Casework Manager, presented the GPOW overview.

In the North West, eight first-round applications with a grant request of £2,250,100 were received against a regional budget of £1,205,600. At the initial sift, Historic England advised that two applications appeared to be less urgent. No further assessment was undertaken and they were recommended for rejection (15h-i).

The remaining six cases (15b-g) underwent full assessment and Historic England provided detailed technical advice to establish the urgency of the repair works. HLF assessment also looked at how well the applications met outcomes for communities.

The Committee were also asked to consider a grant increase of £38,100 for Christ Church, Healey (15a).

The Committee took the following decisions:

Grant increase application: Grants for Places of Worship

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
15a.	Christ Church, Healey	Christ Church, Healey	AWARD GRANT INCREASE OF £26,800 TO MAKE A TOTAL GRANT OF £205,200 (61% OF TOTAL PROJECT COSTS)

SF4 First round applications: Grants for Places of Worship

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
15b.	St Michael's in the Hamlet, Liverpool	St Michael in-the-Hamlet with St Andrew PCC	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £231,300 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £22,200 (85% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
15c.	St Andrew's Church, Bebington	Parish of Bebington, St Andrews	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £230,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £18,600 (50% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15d.	Emmanuel Church, Didsbury	Emmanuel Church, Didsbury, of the Church of England	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £249,700 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £23,000 (87% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15e.	St Leonard's Church, Middleton	Middleton Parish Church	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £249,800 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £31,200 (83% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15f.	St Clement's Church, Ordsall	St Clement's Church, Ordsall	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £249,900 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £25,900 (95% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15g.	St Paul's Church, Norden, Rochdale	St Paul's Church, Norden	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £219,300 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £22,500 (88% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15h.	St Michael's Church, Kirkby Thore	St Michael's Church, Kirkby Thore	REJECT
15i.	All Saints Church, Burnley	PCC of All Saints Church, Burnley	REJECT

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

16. Conserving Coniston & Crake: caring for water from mountain to shore

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Grantee: South Cumbria Rivers Trust

Request: £763,300 (80%)

Uplift: £14,100 (2%) due to enhancing the Community Officer post from part-time to full-time and minor increases to capital costs. The applicant undertook additional fundraising to minimise the uplift.

First round pass: A first round pass of £851,300 including a development grant of £102,100 (82% of total eligible development costs) was awarded by the Committee in June 2015.

Project: To deliver habitat improvements, training and community activities across the Coniston Water and Crake Catchment. The project would improve water-quality, habitat and biodiversity and assist the survival of endangered Biodiversity Action Plan species. Visitors and residents would learn new skills, better understand the area's sensitivity and importance and contribute to its long-term well-being.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £763,300 (80%).

17. Bringing Untold Stories to Life for Everyone

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Humphrey Welfare declared an interest in the item and left the room before discussion commenced.

Grantee: Carlisle Cathedral

Request: £1,918,500 (56%)

Uplift: £35,700 (2%) to include a new Fraternity roof, in line with HLF mentor advice.

Project: To enhance the visitor offer at the Cathedral through a creation of a new visitor hub and programme of engagement activities. The project would undertake urgent repairs to the Fraternity building including the restoration of the Smirke doorway. Café facilities would be developed and the library displays rearranged. The proposals would improve interpretation of the cathedral and collections would be digitised to wider access further.

First round pass: A first round pass of £1,963,900 including development grant of £81,100 was awarded by the Committee in December 2014.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £1,918,500 (56%).

18. The Cumbrian Victorian Locomotive Experience

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Grantee: The Locomotive Conservation and Learning Trust

Request: £954,900 (58%)

Uplift: £96,400 (11%) due to an increase in capital and activity costs.

Project: To secure the future of the only remaining J21 class Victorian locomotive. The project would return the locomotive to steam for the first time in 30 years which, in conjunction with a newly created interpretation space, would create a major exhibit at Kirkby Stephen East railway station. An activity programme would be delivered including school visits, engagement with youth organisations and talks and open days.

First round pass: A first round pass of £897,000 including a development grant of £38,500 (67% of total eligible development costs) was awarded by the Committee in September 2014.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £954,900 (58%).

19. Ribble Life Together

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Grantee: Ribble Catchment Conservation Trust

Request: £1,626,600 (43%)

Uplift: None

Project: To improve the condition, management and awareness of the Ribble Catchment. The scheme would bring together a range of partners and interest groups to deliver a range of activities to benefit people and the natural environment.

First round pass: A first round pass of £1,998,100 including development grant of £371,500 (48% of total eligible development costs) was awarded in March 2015.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £1,626,600 (43%).

20. Walton Estate: Cultivating Heritage, Skills and Learning

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Grantee: Warrington Borough Council

Request: £1,877,200 (53%)

Uplift: £9,700 (1%) due to small cost increases.

Project: To restore and re-use a historic cluster of buildings within Walton Hall Estate: the shippon (animal stalls) and a range of grade II listed glasshouses. The scheme would provide these buildings with a future as a hub for learning and training and increase engagement in the park's heritage. A project-specific activity programme would be provided.

First round pass: A first round pass of £1,990,200 including a development grant of £122,700 was awarded by the Committee in September 2015.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £1,877,200 (53%).

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

21. Victoria Baths Restoration Phase 2 - Re-opening of the Turkish Baths and creation of residential accommodation

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Applicant: Victoria Baths Trust

Request: First round pass of £3,426,600 including development grant of £383,000 (70% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Part of an overarching vision to fully restore Victoria Baths. This phase would restore the Turkish Baths to its original design intention and create new residential accommodation through converting the Superintendent's flat. Victoria Baths Trust would take ownership of the building via a Community Asset Transfer. New and existing audiences would be engaged in the scheme through a 'Hidden Histories' project, looking into the history of the baths by different sections of the community.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project as a **HIGH PRIORITY** to the Board.

22. Welsh Presbyterian Church, Liverpool 8

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Applicant: Merseyside Building Preservation Trust

Request: First round pass of £4,995,700 including development grant of £245,700 (90% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To secure a viable and sustainable end use for the Grade II listed former Welsh Presbyterian Church in Toxteth, Liverpool. The scheme would develop a building currently at risk into flexible workspace for creative and digital industries.

The Committee recognised:

- That a project of this sort would provide an end use for a landmark building at risk of loss
- That activities were currently underdeveloped and the need for investment was not well articulated.
- There were risks around costs and match funding.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project for **REJECTION** to the Board.

23. Rebuilding Waterside Mill

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Applicant: Valley Heritage

Request: First round pass of £3,528,100 including development grant of £133,000 (88% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To restore the Grade II listed Waterside Mill and provide it with a sustainable long term use for light industrial use and office and archive space. An associated programme of training and activities would be delivered.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project as a **LOW PRIORITY** to the Board.

24. Prioritisation of first round Board cases

Oral

During the case by case discussions, the Committee considered that:

- Victoria Baths Restoration Phase 2 (item 21) represented a high priority for support
- Rebuilding Waterside Mill (item 23) represented a low priority for support
- Welsh Presbyterian Church (item 22) should be rejected

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: cross territory (March Board)

25. From Cradle to Grave: The NHS at 70

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Applicant: University of Manchester

Request: First round pass of £785,000 including development grant of £199,100 (53% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A cross-territory scheme to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS through exploring its pivotal place in post-war British society. 13 posts would be funded across the UK to research, conserve and disseminate the heritage of this unique institution. Through a heritage hub the project would create a digital platform offering a comprehensive resource conserving and improving access to new and existing material.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project as a **HIGH PRIORITY** to the Board.

26. Our Common Cause: Our Upland Commons - Enabling vulnerable communities to enhance the heritage of iconic places

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Applicant: Foundation for Common Land

Request: First round pass of £2,728,000 including development grant of £470,100 (78% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Three year project to conserve the natural and cultural heritage of commons and strengthen their collective management. The scheme would be delivered in five upland areas, all designated landscapes with extensive areas of common land: Dartmoor, Lake District, North York Moors, Yorkshire Dales and Shropshire Hills.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project as a **HIGH PRIORITY** to the Board.

Major Projects (April Board)

27. Major Projects Overview

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The Committee noted the Overview.

28. Chetham's Library: respecting the past, shaping the future

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Applicant: Chetham's Library

Request: First round pass of £8,891,800 including development grant of £17,100 (90%)

Project: To transform Chetham's Library and historic buildings into a contemporary visitor attraction reflecting the significance of the site. A new entrance would be created at the Library's south-east side and a visitor centre in the Waterhouse Building. College House would undergo repairs and alterations to transform access and enable the delivery of a programme of activities.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project as a **HIGH PRIORITY (1 of 3)** to the Board.

29. Re-Imagining the Harris: An innovative vision for Preston's museum, art gallery and library

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Applicant: Preston City Council

Request: First round pass of £9,999,900 including development grant of £533,900 (53%)

Project: To re-vitalise Preston's museum, art gallery and library and strengthen its financial resilience. Access to collections would be enhanced, visitor facilities improved and new audiences would be engaged through an inclusive programme of learning with a community focus.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project as a **HIGH PRIORITY (3 of 3)** to the Board.

30. Rochdale Town Hall Restoration & Revival – A heritage home for a cohesive community

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Applicant: Rochdale Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £14,809,600 including development grant of £756,600 (50%)

Project: To regenerate the Grade I listed Rochdale Town Hall as a community hub. Capital works would create a more visible and accessible entrance, open up more public space internally and repairs roofs, masonry, pointing and windows. The proposals would expand the building's role as a performance and functions venue, enhance the home of Rochdale's Music Service, increase café/restaurant facilities and introduce heritage displays.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project as a **HIGH PRIORITY (2 of 3)** to the Board.

31. Prioritisation of Major Projects

Oral

During the case by case discussions, the Committee considered that Chetham's Library (item 28), Re-imagining the Harris (item 29) and Rochdale Town Hall (item 30) represented a high priority for support. The Committee prioritised the three cases as follows:

Chetham's Library – high priority 1
Rochdale Town Hall – high priority 2
Re-imagining the Harris – high priority 3

Items for information

32. Communications Report

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The Committee noted the report.

33. Corporate Update

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Sue Bowers, Deputy Director of Operations, provided an overview of corporate activity.

34. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting would be held on 22 June 2017.