

# Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for the East Midlands Meeting on 15 June 2017

CEM 2017 (2)

**Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for East Midlands held on Thursday 15 June 2017 at 10.00 a.m. at the Nottingham Office.**

## **Members:**

- Jim Harker (Chair)
- Heather Broughton
- Mo Cooper
- John Everitt
- Geoff Nickolds
- Atul Patel (Trustee)
- David Stocker

## **Committee Business**

### **1. Chair's Report**

**Oral**

Jim Harker, Chair of the Committee for the East Midlands:

- Welcomed Eilish McGuinness, Director of Operations, to the meeting.
- Had also attended launch events at Silverstone, the National Justice Museum and Irchester Jurassic Park project.
- Had attended the meeting of HLF's Country and Regional Chairs where, amongst other issues, there had been discussions about the Museums and Churches Reviews.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

**Oral**

David Stocker and Geoff Nickolds declared an interest in item 14, Reconnecting Grantham to its historic landscape. David was currently a National Trust Council Member and Geoff had been a Council member until October 2016. David Stocker also noted that two of the GPOW first round applications (St Swithun's, Long Bennington and St Peter & St Paul Church, Belton) were in Lincoln Diocese where he was the JCNAS appointee to the DAC. The Committee considered that these did not represent conflicts of interest.

Jim Harker declared an interest in the Geddington Church GPOW application. This was his local church of which he was a member of the congregation. He had also previously been a member of the PCC.

### **3. Minutes of the meeting on 9 March 2017**

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

### **4. Matters arising from the minutes**

**Oral**

There were none.

### **5. University of Northampton Research: Lessons Identified and Social Impact Report**

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Jonathan Platt, Head of HLF East Midlands, introduced the paper.

The report was positive on the whole, indicating that applicants understood HLF's processes and felt that guidance and the website were fit for purpose.

## 6. Regional overview

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Jonathan Platt presented the Regional Overview.

The East Midlands had experienced some success in the targeted programmes since the previous Committee meeting. Two Skills for the Future applications had been supported at the panel meeting in March and one Heritage Endowment application had also been successful. Five cases from the East Midlands would be determined at the Kick the Dust meeting at the end of June.

The Committee were updated on the progress of major grants in the region.

The region's first Heritage Enterprise project was now complete at West Bridgford Hall. Public engagement activities had been good throughout the programme and bookings were already being taken for weddings. The official opening took place on 13 June 2017 with Ros Kerlake, HLF's Chief Executive attending and speaking at the event.

Development targets in the region had all been met and progress was being made in the new priority development areas of Gedling and Erewash.

It was also noted that the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership had just awarded Nottingham Castle £5m and Derby Silk Mill £3.7m.

## 7. East Midlands Annual Review of 2016-17

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Jonathan Platt gave a brief overview of the year:

- £64.2m in grant awards had been awarded to the East Midlands in 2016-17. This had meant a large case load for the team.
- Development work had been good, especially in priority development areas where targets for Derby and Boston had been significantly exceeded.
- There had been a number of changes in the team over the past year, but the team was now running at full capacity.

The Committee congratulated the team on an excellent year.

## 8. East Midlands Operating Plan 2017-18

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The Committee noted the Operating Plan.

## 9. Budget Paper

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Five first round Heritage Grants and two Heritage Enterprise cases were received totalling £7,088,900 against a notional quarterly budget of £1,262,750 giving a success rate of 18%.

At this meeting, there were two second round HG cases. These were fundable as long as the Committee considered that the cases were of high quality and delivered good value for money.

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

### 10. Grants for Places of Worship Applications

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In the East Midlands, eight first round applications with a grant request of £1,602,000 were received against a regional budget of £320,750. At the initial sift; Historic England agreed with HLF that the following five of these applications should not be taken forward to full assessment as they were not considered to be of sufficient urgency (10d-f). The Committee decided:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Recommendation
10a.	Watford Church roof repair	Church of St Peter & St Paul PCC	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £218,500 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £13,400 (50% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
10b.	Urgent replacement of failed roofs on Grade 2* church, St Andrews	St Andrews, Yardley Hastings	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £121,600 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £7,200 (56% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
10c.	St Swithun's - Making Our Heritage Live	Long Bennington PCC	REJECT
10d.	Restoration of roof, All Saints, Middleton Cheney, Banbury	All Saints Church PCC, Middleton Cheney	REJECT
10e.	St Mary Magdalene, Geddington - Conserving, repairing and sharing	PCC of St Mary Magdalene Church	REJECT
10f.	Urgent structural repairs to St Peter's Church Radford	St Peter's Church Radford	REJECT
10g.	Working together to preserve our heritage for the wider community	St Peter & St Paul Church, Belton	REJECT
10h.	Internal Restoration and External Refurbishment	Grove Street Methodist Church	REJECT

The Committee discussed the changes to the way decisions would be taken going forward for places of worship and whether Historic England would still be part of the assessment.

#### **SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision**

##### **11. Quorn Heritage Centre; HG-15-07479**

**CEM 2017 (2) 11**

Applicant: Quorn Parish Council

Request: First round pass of £776,700 including development grant of £51,700 (73% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Five-year project to restore the 1834 Quorn Old School for use as a multi-purpose Heritage Centre. Repairs to restore the architectural integrity of the school would be carried out and a café, flexible meeting area and social area would be created. An accompanying programme of activities and events would establish the Centre as a gateway for the local community and visitors to engage with the heritage of Quorn.

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

##### **12. Preserving our heritage - creating the future, Dronfield; HG-16-00194**

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Applicant: St John the Baptist Church Dronfield

Request: First round pass of £1,099,000 including development grant of £167,000 (52% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To extend and improve the space within the church, increasing its accessibility and ability to cater for the needs of the community. A two storey extension would be built with new space for

learning and community activities, storage, basic kitchen facilities and toilets. Conservation repairs would be undertaken to window stonework and protect medieval stained glass windows. An associated activity programme would be delivered.

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

**13. @Play - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Wicksteed; HG-16-05022**

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Applicant: Wicksteed Charitable Trust

Request: First round pass of £1,895,700 including development grant of £108,600 (55% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To restore the historic heart of Wicksteed Park, one of the UK's first leisure parks. Conservation and capital works would be carried out to the upper floors of the Pavilion and the rose garden and original fountain area. A heritage play area, featuring original or replica Wicksteed play equipment would also be created. An extensive programme of heritage, learning, community and environmental activities to enhance the enjoyment of play in line with the original vision of the park's founder would be delivered.

The Committee for the East Midlands agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £1,895,700 including development grant of £108,600 (55% of total eligible development costs).

**14. Reconnecting Grantham to its historic landscape; HG-16-07121**

**CEM 2017 (2) 14**

*Geoff Nickolds and David Stocker declared an interest and left the room before discussion commenced.*

Applicant: The Woodland Trust and National Trust

Request: First round pass of £642,100 including development grant of £65,300 (44% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To re-establish the historic link between Londonthorpe Woods and Belton Park. Access would be improved through improvements to the path network, new welcome facilities and an extended car park. Conservation work would be carried out to secure key historic parkland and built heritage features and enhance habitats for wildlife. The scheme would diversify and build new audiences for the woods and encourage local community involvement in their long term care through a volunteering programme.

The Committee for the East Midlands agreed the application represented a high priority for support but **REJECTED** the application in light of the available budget for the meeting.

**15. Development of Twycross Zoo Natural Nature Reserve; HG-16-07447**

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Applicant: Twycross Zoo

Request: First round pass of £743,300 including development grant of £10,400 (35%)

Project: Improvements to Twycross Zoo nature reserve which was created in 2012 to deal with waste water from the zoo. The reserve had since become a haven for wildlife, but was suffering from neglect due to lack of investment. Proposals would create a high quality environment for biodiversity and visitors to include cleaning of ponds, management of overgrown and invasive plants and 1,300 square metres of pathways would be refurbished. 200 volunteers would be recruited and trained through the project.

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

#### **16. Firing the Generator, Loughborough; HE-16-03399**

**CEM 2017 (2) 16**

Applicant: The Generator Loughborough Community Interest Company

Request: First round pass of £499,100 including development grant of £29,400 (31% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To repair and refurbish the Generator building and convert it into a centre for Loughborough's Creative Sector providing nearly 14,000 square foot of flexible and adaptable accommodation for businesses. Proposals would also engage the public with the history of the Generator and raise awareness and understanding of the everyday experiences of people in Loughborough in the 20th Century.

The Committee for the East Midlands agreed the application represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of the available budget for the meeting.

#### **17. Breathing Life Back Into the Old Town Mill, Mansfield; HE-16-08023**

**CEM 2017 (2) 17**

Applicant: Pubschool Inns CIC

Request: First round pass of £1,433,000 including development grant of £107,000 (86% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To provide a Grade II listed building at risk with a sustainable new use to bolster the economy and create jobs in one of Mansfield's most deprived areas. Capital works would include the repair and restoration of the Mill to create a working hospitality training academy and the building's end use would include a restaurant, training kitchen, small conference facility and accommodation offer of 16 rooms. An associated activity programme would be delivered.

The Committee for the East Midlands agreed the application represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application.

#### **18. Prioritisation of HG and HE first round items**

**Oral**

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

- @Play - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Wicksteed Park (item 13) and Reconnecting Grantham to its historic landscape (item 14) represented a high priority for support.
- Firing the Generator (item 16) and Breathing Life Back Into The Old Town Mill (item 17) represented a low priority for support
- Quorn Heritage Centre (item 11), Preserving our heritage - creating the future, Dronfield (item 12) Development of Twycross Zoo Natural Nature Reserve (item 15) should be rejected.

The Committee unanimously agreed that @Play, Wicksteed Park (item 13) was the highest priority project for support but noted that there was insufficient budget to fund the scheme. The Committee decided to overspend on their notional budget for the meeting to fund the application. The other projects were rejected.

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

### **19. Bramcote Old Church Tower Community Project- Nottingham; HG-14-04783**

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Grantee: Bramcote Old Church Tower Trust

Request: Award grant of £353,000 (84%)

Uplift: £58,500 (19%) due to more accurate costings for conservation work, the introduction of support with the capital works and improved interpretation and evaluation.

Project: To carry out essential repair work to a Grade II listed heritage asset and better interpret its history. The introduction of new facilities would enable a greater number of events and activities, widening current audiences and creating a sustainable future for the site. New volunteers would be recruited to support engagement activities and be trained in skills such as tour guiding, text writing, research, archaeology and nature surveying.

The Committee for the East Midlands had awarded a first round pass of £355,700 including a development grant of £50,800, 75% of eligible development costs in March 2015.

The Committee for the East Midlands **AWARDED** a grant of £363,500 (85%).

### **20. Lincolnshire Plants: Past and Future; HG-15-03574**

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Grantee: Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

Request: Award grant of £499,000 (71%)

Uplift: £25,900 (5%) mainly associated with the improvements to the staff structure.

Project: A three year programme of works to secure, conserve, catalogue, digitise and interpret an historic Herbarium, increase botanical skills and add contemporary records. The collection was currently at risk as inappropriate storage was causing the rapid deterioration of the specimens. An activity programme would be delivered including conservation of 9,300 historic herbarium specimens and 3,000 new specimens, digital cataloguing of these specimens and engagement events.

The Committee for the East Midlands had awarded a first round pass of £494,500 including a development grant of £21,400 (59% of eligible development costs) in June 2016.

The Committee for the East Midlands **AWARDED** a grant of £499,000 (71%).

## **SF4 first round Board applications for recommendation: Heritage Grants**

### **21. The Next Chapter: Extending the National Holocaust Centre and Museum; HG-16-03555**

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Applicant: Beth Shalom Limited

Request: First round pass of £4,647,100 including development grant of £388,600 (66% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To expand the facilities at the National Holocaust Centre and Museum to increase learning and understanding about the Holocaust. The museum and grounds would be transformed by refurbishing outdated facilities and expanding with sensitive new buildings. This would double the exhibition space and use recorded Survivor Testimony to create a powerful and emotional

educational experience, informed by collections and underpinned by research. A new 'hub and spoke' model would be developed to enable NHCM's educational programmes to be delivered across the UK.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support. The Board would determine the application at their meeting in June.

## **Items for Information**

### **22. Communications Report**

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The Committee noted the report.

### **23. Corporate Update**

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Eilish McGuinness provided an update on strategic discussions from the May Board meeting.

### **24. Business Plan 2017-18**

### **25. Minutes of the meeting of the Regional and Country Chairs on 9 May 2017**

### **26. Parks for People Overview**

The Committee noted the items.

### **27. Any other business**

There was none.

The next meeting will be held on **21 September 2017** in Northampton with project visits on 22 September.