

Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for the North West Meeting on 22 June 2017

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Summary minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the North West held on 22 June 2017 at 9.45 a.m. at Carver's Warehouse, 77 Dale Street, Manchester M1 2HG

Members:

- Tiffany Hunt (Chair)
- Nigel de Noronha
- Jim Dixon (Trustee)
- Steve Garland
- Aileen McEvoy
- Ivan Wadeson

Apologies:

- Humphrey Welfare
- Stephen Welsh
- David Parkinson, Big Lottery Fund

Observing:

- Sir Ron Cooke, Chair of the Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber

Committee Business

1. Welcomes and apologies

Oral

Tiffany Hunt, Chair of the Committee, welcomed Ron Cooke to the meeting. He was observing the meeting after recently taking up the role of Chair of the Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber. Ashlyn Whitty was attending her first meeting as Grants Officer.

Stephen Welsh and Humphrey Welfare had sent apologies to the meeting. David Parkinson from Big Lottery Fund was also unable to attend.

2. Chair's Report

Oral

Tiffany Hunt reported that she had attended the Board meeting in March and meeting of Country and Regional Chairs in May. She had also attended a number of events and launches across the region.

3. Minutes from the meeting held on 16 March 2017

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The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting, subject to one addition under attendees.

4. Matter arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

5. North West Overview

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Nathan Lee, Head of HLF North West, provided an overview of activity in the North West.

The team had seen much change over the past two years with 50% turnover. They were now at full capacity.

Three Major Grants had been unsuccessful at the Board meeting in April due to the high level of competition. Feedback meetings had now taken place.

The Kick the Dust programme had received a large number of enquiries and the team had been robust in screening pre-applications to encourage the strongest projects to apply. Three promising applications had been received.

A request for a change to approved purposes would be considered by the Board for Windermere Steamboat Museum in June. While the museum had the potential to deliver strongly, the project had seen delays and associated cost increases due to unforeseen construction issues, design coordination and changing in planning permission.

The closure of the GPOW programme had seen a number of concerns from the public. However, a small number of Our Heritage and Heritage Grant project enquiries from churches had already been received. The team would continue to monitor this.

6. North West Operating Plan 2017/19

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Nathan Lee introduced the Team Operating Plan for the coming year.

The Committee felt it was important to support the team's operating plan. They noted that there would be opportunity to feed into strategic discussions in the coming months.

The Communications Plan for the year would promote the National Lottery and put Lottery players at the centre of announcements and communications. There would also be a focus on Board level awards locally rather than just Committee and delegated grants and a strong emphasis on digital media going forward.

7. North West Annual Review of 2016 including review of delegated decisions

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The Committee noted the paper and congratulated the team on a strong year.

8. North West Budget

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Four first round Heritage Grant applications were received totalling £2,172,300 against a notional quarterly budget of £1,950,000, giving a success rate of 90%

At this meeting, there were four second round applications. These were fundable as long as the Committee considered that the cases were of high quality and would deliver good value for money.

9. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Ivan Wadson mentioned that his employer, The Dukes, had received funding towards a project on Lancaster Canal in November 2016 from The Canals & Rivers Trust. They were the applicant for two cases on the day's agenda: Lancaster to Kendal Towpath Phase 2 (item 11) and Finsley Gate Restoration (item 23). The scheme was not linked to either bid and he had no direct link to the projects. The Committee considered that this did not constitute a conflict of interests.

Aileen McEvoy noted that an organisation that she worked with, Lakes International Comic Art Festival, was a partner in a closely related interpretation project to the Lancaster to Kendal Towpath scheme (item 11). This project was not funded by HLF and she had no direct link to the project. The Committee considered that this did not constitute a conflict of interests.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

10. The Merseyside Fire Heritage Centre of Excellence; HG-15-07421

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Applicant: Merseyside Fire & Rescue Heritage & Education Centre

Request: First round pass of £170,900 including development grant of £7,900 (9%)

Project: To develop and extend an independent, volunteer-run Fire and Rescue Heritage Centre in Bootle, Merseyside. The Centre was converted into a heritage site from former Fire and Rescue Service Stores in 2011. The project would build an extension on an adjoining plot of land, owned by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority. The new facility would include gallery and display areas, with improved exhibitions. Increased opportunities to educate the community about fire safety and accident prevention would be provided.

The Committee for the North West **REJECTED** the application due to concerns raised.

11. Lancaster to Kendal Towpath Phase 2; HG-16-03773

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Applicant: Canal & River Trust

Request: First round pass of £1,538,500 including development grant of £41,000 (89% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Two year project improving a 4km stretch of Lancaster Canal focusing on the repair and restoration three important historic structures: the Sedgwick Aqueduct, Stainton Aqueduct and the Hincaster Tunnel and its associated horse-path. Interpretation would be enhanced and a programme of events and activities would be delivered to encourage new audiences to experience the canal and landscape.

The Committee for the North West considered that the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £1,538,500 including development grant of £41,000 (89% of total eligible development costs).

12. Peterloo 2019; HG-16-08511

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Applicant: Manchester Histories

Request: First round pass of £251,100 including development grant of £69,200 (54% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To develop and deliver an extensive programme of activities to engage audiences in Greater Manchester and beyond in celebrating and commemorating the history of the 1819 Peterloo Massacre during its 200 year anniversary in 2019. 30 volunteers would be recruited and trained in conducting historic research, recording oral histories, creating archives and evaluation.

The Committee for the North West considered that the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £251,100 including development grant of £69,200 (54% of total eligible development costs).

13. Woodland Futures; HG-16-08630

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Applicant: Community Forest Trust

Request: First round pass of £211,800 including development grant of £23,800 (86% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To restore three historic woodlands in Wythenshawe, Manchester; the Brundrit, Sandilands Wood and Ash Wood. Capital restoration works would include woodland thinning, restoration of natural features including the planting of native tree species and access and pathway improvements. Local people would be engaged through a series of events and activities to help ensure the woods would be brought into sustainable management.

The Committee for the North West considered that the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £211,800 including development grant of £23,800 (86% of total eligible development costs).

14. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

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

- Lancaster to Kendal Towpath Phase 2 (item 11), Peterloo 2019 (item 12) and Woodland Futures (item 13) represented a high priority for support.
- The Merseyside Fire Heritage Centre of Excellence (item 10) should be rejected.

The Committee agreed to support the three first round applications with a slight overspend on the notional budget for the meeting.

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

15. GPOW overview and applications

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In the North West, nine first round applications with a grant request of £1,792,700 were received against a regional budget of £725,000. At the initial sift Historic England agreed with HLF that three of these applications were less urgent and should be rejected (15g-i). The remaining cases were discussed.

The Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Recommendation
15a.	St Alban's Church, Macclesfield	Trustees of the RC Diocese of Shrewsbury	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £168,900 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £23,400 (56% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15b.	Holy Name Church, Oxford Road, Manchester	Holy Name Church, Manchester	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £226,200 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £26,200 (78% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15c.	Urgent repairs to a listed place of worship	Christ Church Friezland PCC	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £157,600 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £15,700 (64% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15d.	St Chads, Cheetham Hill	The Oratory of St Philip Neri	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £170,700 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £19,300 (71% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
15e.	St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church	St Joseph's Church	REJECT
15f.	Bolton Methodist Mission, The Victoria Hall	Bolton Methodist Mission	REJECT

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Recommendation
15g.	Wirral - St Bartholomew Roof and Heating project	St Bartholomew's Church, Thurstaston PCC	REJECT
15h.	Urgent Repairs, Improved Facilities and Heritage Interpretation Project	St Clements, Urmston	REJECT
15i.	Roof Repair and Provision of Community Facilities	St John The Evangelist, Farnworth, Bolton	REJECT

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

16. Conservation and Presentation of Eskdale Corn Mill; HG-14-08014

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Grantee: Eskdale Mill & Heritage Trust

Request: Award grant of £792,000 (80%)

Uplift: £71,700 (10%) due to increased costs. However the applicant had been able to mitigate this by increasing the level of match funding, resulting in a decrease in grant intervention rate from 89% to 80%.

Project: Four-year project focusing on the repair and restoration of a Grade II* listed water mill and associated buildings in the village of Boot, Eskdale, Cumbria. The mill buildings would be restored and working elements of the mill machinery repaired to demonstrate the process of milling corn by water power. An improved visitor offer would include updated access and heritage interpretation; and increased opportunities for engagement and learning.

The Committee for the North West had awarded a first round pass of £787,500 including a development grant of £67,000 (88%) of eligible development costs in November 2015.

In the light of these concerns the Committee for the North West **DEFERRED** the decision for six months.

17. Spodden Valley Revealed; HG-15-00735

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Grantee: Mid Pennine Arts

Request: Award grant of £246,500 (65%)

Uplift: N/A

Project: To create a Greenway Eco-museum exploring the heritage of the Spodden Valley. This would take the form of a trail linking eleven sites of heritage interest via an existing cycleway and four newly identified spur routes, made accessible by landscape improvement works. Three archaeological digs and other research would be undertaken, engaging with the local community and volunteers who would learn about heritage and develop ideas for interpretation around the sites.

The Committee for the North West had awarded a first round pass of £294,800 including a development grant of £48,300 (73%) of eligible development costs in March 2015.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £246,500 (65%).

18. Up another gear for the British Commercial Vehicle Museum; HG-15-00954

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Grantee: British Commercial Vehicle Museum Trust

Request: Award grant of £1,836,100 (74%)

Uplift: £248,100 (16%) due to increased project costs, primarily around construction.

Project: To develop the British Commercial Vehicle Museum (BCVM) in Leyland. The scheme would refurbish the museum building and enhance the visitor experience through new interpretation and redisplay of the collections and improved visitor facilities. An associated programme of volunteering and activities would be delivered.

The Committee for the North West had awarded a first round pass of £1,682,500 including a development grant of £94,500 (87% of eligible development costs) in March 2015.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £1,836,100 (74%).

19. Galkoff's and the Secret Life of Pembroke Place; HG-15-05214

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Grantee: Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

Request: Award grant of £291,300 (77%)

Uplift: £30,100 (12%) in both capital and revenue cost increases. Additional cash funding and volunteer time secured meant that the grant percentage rate had reduced from 80% to 77%.

Project: To research, record and display elements of the heritage of Pembroke Place. The scheme would preserve the tiled fascia of Grade II listed 29 Pembroke Place (Galkoff's) remounting them as a free standing display at the Museum of Liverpool and to conduct an archaeological investigation and community dig of the adjacent court housing area. A programme of community engagement activities would be delivered.

The Committee for the North West had awarded a first round pass of £313,600 including a development grant of £52,400 (90% of total eligible development costs) in November 2016.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £291,300 (77%).

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Townscape Heritage

20. Padiham - Crafting the Future; TH-15-03152

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Grantee: Burnley Borough Council

Request: Award grant of £1,400,500 (66%)

Project: To make Padiham a self-sustaining and more attractive place to live, work and visit, by retaining and growing quality independent shops and businesses to retain its character and heritage, reducing vacancy rates and neglect. Repairs would be made to signage and shop fronts with the replacement of missing or inappropriate windows and removal of unsympathetic security features. Public realm improvements would also be carried out. A heritage activity programme would be delivered in collaboration with partners.

The Committee for the North West had awarded a first round pass of £1,448,700 including a development grant of £48,200 (71% of total eligible development costs) in January 2016.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £1,400,500 (66%).

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

21. Parks for People Overview

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The Committee noted the Overview.

22. Restoring the Penrith Castle Park; PP-16-01004

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Applicant: Eden District Council

Request: First round pass of £2,055,200 including development grant of £125,500 (84% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To restore Castle Park in Penrith, improving access through works to entrances, paths and steps, installing handrails and a new ramped bridge across the castle moat. The solarium would be restored to its original design, allowing a range of uses including performances, exhibitions, seating and shelter, and landscaping works would be undertaken to create an open seating and viewing area. Interpretation would be introduced across the park and castle. A programme of events and activities would broaden and engage audiences.

The Big Lottery Fund representative was not in attendance, however, had indicated prior to the meeting that they considered that the project represented a medium priority for support.

The Committee for the North West and Big Lottery Fund representative recommended the project to the Parks for People delegated decision panel as a **MEDIUM PRIORITY** for support.

SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Heritage Enterprise

23. Finsley Gate Restoration; HE-14-02633

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Grantee: Canal & River Trust

Request: Award grant of £2,253,700 (77%)

Uplift: £188,900 (9%) due to cost increases resulting from better understanding of the needs of the site and its long-term future. However, significant value engineering had been undertaken and had resulted in considerable savings, minimising the extent of the uplift.

Project: To restore Finsley Gate, a group of six buildings within the Weaver's Triangle area of Burnley to be used by Finsley Gate Wharf Ltd (FGW), a local boat service/hire operator as a mixed-use leisure development. The historic fabric of all buildings would be repaired with internal spaces refurbished. The warehouse complex would include a bar, café, restaurant for 120 covers with a function suite on the first floor for 200. The canal cottage would be restored as a holiday let for 12 guests alongside an outbuilding for storage. Extensive opportunities for volunteering, training and learning during the three-year activity programme would be provided.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £2,327,300 including a development grant of £262,500 (89% of eligible development costs) in September 2014.

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

Items for information

24. Communications Report

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Vicky Wilford, Communications Manager, presented the Communications Report.

There had been good coverage and many successes during the last quarter despite the restricted period. The campaign to promote BAME projects in the region had also had positive coverage.

25. Corporate Update

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Sue Bowers provided an overview of organisational activity:

- National Lottery player consultation had showed the importance of raising awareness of heritage good cause and that HLF should be more active in supporting communities. They also encouraged a strong focus on sustainability.
- The Board recognised the importance of streamlining processes and reducing the total number of programmes.

There would be opportunities for Committees to feed in to strategic discussions towards the end of the year.

26. Business Plan 2017-18

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

The Committee noted the items.

28. Any other business

There was none.

The next meeting would be held on **21 September 2017** and would be preceded by a day of project visits on 20 September.