

Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for the North West Meeting on 21 September 2017

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Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the North West held on 21 September 2017 at Blackburn Cathedral at 10.30 a.m.

Members:

- Tiffany Hunt (Chair)
- Neil Cossons (Trustee)
- Nigel de Noronha
- Steve Garland
- Aileen McEvoy
- Ivan Wadeson
- Humphrey Welfare
- Stephen Welsh

Committee Business

1. Welcome and apologies

Oral

Thanks were expressed to the team for arranging the away day, which had been a great success.

The Chair welcomed:

- Neil Cossons to the Committee as the new trustee member.
- Ros Kerlake, HLF's Chief Executive
- Eilish McGuinness and Penny Coombes who were covering for Sue Bowers and Danielle Hampson.

The Committee recorded their thanks and appreciation to Jim Dixon for his support and hard work as the North West trustee member over the past 3 years.

2. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair provided an update on her activities since the last meeting.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 22 June 2017

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The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were no matters that were not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

It was noted that the deferred second round application for Eskdale Corn Mill would come back to Committee at their December meeting.

5. North West Overview

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Nathan Lee, Head of HLF North West, provided an overview of the report, highlighting:

The team had hosted a Clore fellow who had undertaken a study to develop approaches that would support diversification of grant recipients. The recommendations had resulted in an initiative

being trialled in Barrow and a real, positive impact on applications was already being seen. Outcomes from the evaluation of the trail would feed into SF5 developments.

The following decisions had been taken by the Board since the last Committee meeting:

- Finsley Gate, Burnley - The Canal and Rivers Trust were awarded a second round grant.
- The Windermere Steamboat Museum received approval for the changes to approved purposes, the drawdown of the Endowment and changes to the payment and retention rate.
- The Penrith Castle Park application had been rejected by the Parks for People Delegated Decision Panel.

The Committee noted that Arts Council England had designated a number of museums in the region as National Portfolio Organisations.

An update was provided on key projects in the region, including the Windermere Steamboat Museum, Bank Hall and Lytham Hall.

The Committee noted the changes to the Development Team and that recruitment was underway.

6. North West Budget

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No first round Heritage Grant or Heritage Enterprise applications had been received for the meeting.

Two second round Heritage Grant applications had been received. These were fundable as long as the Committee considered that the cases were of high quality and would deliver good value for money.

7. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Steve Garland declared an interest in Smithills - A vision for a resilient landscape (item 10). The Lancashire Wildlife Trust, of which he was the Chair, had submitted a letter of support for the scheme. He would leave the room for the discussion of the item.

He also highlighted that he was involved in some biological recording activities with the North Pennines AONB, the applicant for item 9, as part of their Cold Blooded and Spineless HLF-funded project. The Committee considered that this did not constitute a conflict of interest.

Humphrey Welfare mentioned that he was a member of the Carlisle Diocesan Advisory Committee. St Michael's, Kirkby Thore (8c), an applicant under the Grants for Places of Worship, was within the diocese. The Committee considered that this did not constitute a conflict of interest.

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

8. Grants for Places of Worship Overview

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In the North West, a second round application of £203,100 was received with an uplift of £29,400 for St George's Church, Everton. This was beyond the delegated threshold and therefore the Committee would need to consider the request.

13 first round applications with a grant request of £2,301,100 were received against a budget of £726,600. At the initial sift Historic England agreed with HLF that eight of these applications were less urgent and should be rejected (8g-n). The remaining five cases were discussed.

The Committee took the following decisions:

SF4 Second Round: Grants for Places of Worship

| Item | Project Title | Applicant | Decision | Project Reference |
|------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 8a. | St George's Church - Phase 2 Urgent Roof Repair Works | St George's Church, Everton | AWARD SECOND ROUND OF £203,100 (78%) | GP-15-03252 |

SF4 First Round: Grants for Places of Worship

| Item | Project Title | Applicant | Decision | Project Reference |
|------|---|---|--|-------------------|
| 8b. | Urgent structural repairs to historic Listed Southbank Street Church | Community Church in the North West of England | FIRST ROUND PASS OF £243,100 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £27,000 (69%OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS) | GP-16-09271 |
| 8c. | St Michael's Kirkby Thore, Repair and Restoration 2 | St Michael's, Kirkby Thore | FIRST ROUND PASS OF £112,800 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £12,000 (60%OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS) | GP-17-00275 |
| 8d. | Repairs to the tower and spire | PCC of All Saint's Church, Burnley | FIRST ROUND PASS OF £134,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £18,500 (88%OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS) | GP-17-00865 |
| 8e. | Repairs to Tower, Church of St Thomas, Moorside, Oldham | St Thomas Church, Moorside, Oldham | FIRST ROUND PASS OF £161,500 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £22,000 (94%OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS) | GP-17-00801 |
| 8f. | Repairs to the north aisle gutter and parapet | PCC of St Georges, Stalybridge | FIRST ROUND PASS OF £250,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £17,000 (60%OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS) | GP-16-03637 |
| 8g. | St James Ormside Phase 2 restoration and improvements | St James Ormside | REJECT | GP-16-01798 |
| 8h. | Gable and roof repair and work to cellar steps, plaster and décor | St John Church, Higham | REJECT | GP-16-04151 |
| 8i. | Church fabric conservation for Thelwall's community | All Saints Church Thelwall | REJECT | GP-16-05707 |
| 8j. | St Paul's Church, Sale: Urgent Gutter Restoration Project | St Paul's Church, Sale | REJECT | GP-16-08052 |
| 8k. | Urgent repairs: tower and transept roof & improved public accessibility | Parish of Saint Matthew, Little Lever | REJECT | GP-16-09141 |

| Item | Project Title | Applicant | Decision | Project Reference |
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| 8l. | St George's Church Mossley: raising the roof | St George's Church, Mossley | REJECT | GP-16-09309 |
| 8m. | Restoring masonry and windows | St. Andrew's Church, Cleveleys | REJECT | GP-17-00493 |
| 8n. | Repairs to Tower | St Cuthbert's Church Lytham | REJECT | GP-17-00875 |

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

9. The Fell Foot Project; HG-15-02364

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Grantee: The National Trust (North West)

Request: A grant of £683,900 (35%)

Project: Part of a wider National Trust masterplan to turn Fell Foot into a flagship outdoor destination. The scheme would restore and improve the interpretation of the historic elements of Fell Foot, including the boathouses and arboretum. The project aimed to conserve the heritage, improve the visitor experience and increase participation.

The Committee for the North West had awarded a first round pass of £638,000 without development funding in December 2015.

Uplift: £45,900 (7%) due to the creation of a new volunteer and gardener's base, audio-visual equipment, addition of "Changing Place", offer a unique facility for disabled visitors and a slight increase in staff costs. National Trust had undertaken value engineering and committed an additional £116,754 from their own reserves to minimise the uplift request.

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £683,900 (35% of total eligible delivery costs).

10. Smithills – A vision for a resilient landscape; HG-14-03017

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Steve Garland declared a conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion of the item.

Grantee: The Woodland Trust

Request: £1,914,700 (44%)

Project: To bring the Smithills estate under its ownership and carry out a five year project to restore its natural habitats and initiate more effective management of the landscape. The project would create better access to Smithills and re-engage the local community through a programme of learning, engagement and volunteering activities.

The Committee for the North West had awarded a first round pass of £1,896,700 including a development grant of £69,000 (53%) in June 2015.

Uplift: £87,000 (5%). Costs had increased by £823,898 following planning and now more accurately reflected the scale and scope of the grantee's ambition for the site.

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £1,914,700 (44% of total eligible delivery costs).

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

11. Our Common Cause: Our Upland Commons - Enabling vulnerable communities to enhance iconic places; HG-17-01595 Cross-territory

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Applicant: Foundation for Common Land

Request: First Round Pass of £2,316,000, including Development Grant of £409,200 (77%)

Project: Three year project cross-territory to conserve the natural and cultural heritage of commons, strengthen their collective management, i.e. 'commoning', and broaden understanding and engagement. The scheme would be delivered in four upland areas, all designated landscapes with extensive areas of common land: Dartmoor, Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and Shropshire Hills.

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

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation (October): Landscape Partnership

12. Landscape Partnerships overview

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The Committee noted the Overview report.

13. Dee to Sea Landscape Partnership Scheme (D2C): Reconnecting People and Wildlife in the Dee Estuary; LP-16-07947

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Applicant: Cheshire Wildlife Trust

Request: First Round Pass of £2,286,900, including Development Grant of £203,400 (75%)

Project: A vision to breathe new life into the area around the River Dee Estuary by uniting communities, individuals and decision makers behind a common goal of creating and increasingly resilient, more loved and better connected landscape. The scheme would improve the landscape's ecology and restore estuarine historical features and engage people and communities through events, Citizen Science and skills development.

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

14. Fellfoot Forward; LP-17-01185

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Applicant: North Pennines AONB Partnership

Request: First round pass of £2,230,700 including Development Grant of £161,300 (87% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A scheme to ensure this part of north east Cumbria, rich in cultural and natural heritage, was cared for by the community, providing functions people value. Community projects and events would be delivered, increasing understanding of local heritage. Partnerships would be created to deliver conservation projects to address environmental challenges and sustain landscape character and training would be developed including six conservation traineeships and heritage skills courses with Newton Rigg and Carlisle Colleges.

The Committee for the North West recommended the application to the Board as a **HIGH (1 of 2) PRIORITY** for support.

15. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

The prioritisation of the applications was agreed as:

- Item 14 – *Fellfoot Forward* – High 1 of 2
- Item 13 - *Dee to Sea* – High 2 of 2

SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation (September): Heritage Grants and Heritage Enterprise

16. Developing MJM: New Audiences, New Experiences; HG-14-08947

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Grantee: Manchester Jewish Museum

Request: Grant of £2,890,000 (58%)

Uplift: £432,800 (18%) due in large part to enhanced security measures following advice from Greater Manchester Police. Repair and conservation costs, including a new roof, also increased by £425k following detailed surveys. Value engineering elsewhere had minimised the effect of the increases.

Project: The comprehensive redevelopment of Manchester Jewish Museum would allow collections and stories to be better managed and interpreted, enhance the synagogue and provide multi-purpose spaces for community and learning activity. High quality exhibitions and events would engage new audiences with Jewish heritage and the wider immigration story.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £2,884,100 including a development grant of £426,900 (85% of total eligible development costs) in April 2015.

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

17. Ancoats Dispensary - Heart of Ancoats Community Hub; HE-14-00228

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Grantee: Ancoats Dispensary Group

Request: Grant of £4,228,400 (80%)

Uplift: £465,200 (12%) due to increased repair, conservation, construction and contingency costs. This was following a value engineering exercise removing costs allocated to renewable energy, AV and PA system installations, reception desk and foyer furniture/fit-out.

Project: To restore the derelict Grade II listed Ancoats Dispensary as a mixed-use community hub for creative enterprise and community well-being services. A programme of volunteering opportunities would be delivered alongside opportunities for heritage construction skills training for apprentices.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £4,534,900 including a development grant of £771,700 (77% of total eligible development costs) in July 2014.

The Committee for the North West recommended the Board **REJECT** the application.

Papers for information

18. Communications Report

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19. Corporate Update

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The Committee noted the items.

20. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting would be held on 7 December 2017.