

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for South East England Meeting on 1 March 2017

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Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for South East England held on 1 March at 9.30 a.m. in the London Office at 7 Holbein Place, London, SW1W 8NR.

Members:

- Maria Adebawale-Schwarte (Chair)
- Andrew Blessley
- Bill Ferris
- Perdita Hunt
- Helen Jackson
- Susan McCormack

Apologies:

- Debbie Tann

Committee Business

1. Welcomes

Oral

The Chair welcomed Ros Kerslake and Perdita Hunt who was attending her first meeting as the Trustee for South East England.

2. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair reported that they had visited Charleston Barns. The Chair would also be visiting Knole House in Sevenoaks in the coming weeks.

Ros Kerslake spoke about her experiences since joining HLF as Chief Executive.

The Committee noted the report.

3. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Bill Ferris declared a conflict of interest in item 18 *Command of the Heights*, as he was the Chief Executive of the Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust.

4. Minutes of the meeting on 7 December 2016

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

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

6. Regional Overview

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The Committee noted the overview.

7. Budget Paper

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There were six first round applications recommended for award, with a total first round pass request of £6,194,300, against a suggested budget of £4,366,100 for the meeting, based on an equal division of the budget between the four meetings whilst allowing for quarterly adjustments in response to demand.

The Committee noted that the grants budget was sufficient to fund 5 second round applications and the grant increase application, if they were satisfied that the quality threshold had been met.

SF4 First round case papers for discussion and decision: Grants for Places of Worship

8. GPOW Overview and Applications

Oral

The Committee took the following decisions:

SF4 First round case papers for discussion and decision: Grants for Places of Worship

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
8a.	Completion of urgent repairs to chancel walls of St Mary's Church, Long Crendon	St Mary's Church Long Crendon	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £183,800 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £22,000 (74% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
8b.	Restoration of the iconic tower of St Peter's - Phase 2b	St Peter's Brighton	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £249,500 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £3,200 (89% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
8c.	Repair of south transept roof to protect building and recently installed facilities below	St Mary the Virgin Childrey PCC	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £32,400 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £10,900 (67% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
8d.	St Michael's Amberley Church Tower Repairs	St Michael & All Angels Church, PCC Building Fund Committee	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £120,900 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £16,600 (51% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
8e	Clerestory window and Rainwater goods restoration project and extending of facilities for the	St Saviour Church PCC	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £163,700 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £21,500 (94% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
	provision of heritage		
8f.	Whitwell Parish Church Fabric Repair Project	St Mary & St Rhadagund Parish Church Whitwell	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £205,300 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £23,500 (80% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
8g.	Urgent repair work to secure the future of St Peter & St Paul, Thruxton	St Peter & St Paul's Church	REJECT

SF4 Second round case papers for discussion and decision: Grants for Places of Worship

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
8h.	Snodland All Saints' Church Urgent Repairs 2015	All Saints, Snodland	AWARD GRANT OF £222,600, (74%)
8i.	Restoration of the chancel roof of St Mary's Church, Witney	St Mary's Church, Witney	AWARD GRANT OF £227,700, (64%)

SF4 First round case papers for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants and Heritage Enterprise

9. The Spirit of the Leas - Improving access, understanding and enjoyment of Folkestone's Coastal Park

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Applicant: Shepway District Council

Request: First Round Pass of £507,000, including Development Grant of £40,300

Project: Would restore and make accessible key heritage assets and routes relating to the Lower Leas Coastal Park, the Leas Cliff Hall and Leas cliff-top promenade. Alongside new interpretation and an activity programme, this project would develop an understanding and appreciation of this area of Folkestone, and its development as a coastal resort.

The Committee for South East England considered that the project represented a HIGH priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £507,000 including development grant of £40,300 (80% of total eligible development costs)

10. Bat & Ball Station Building- restoration Grade II Listed building for community use
CSEE 2017 (1) 10

Applicant: Sevenoaks Town Council

Request: First Round Pass of £755,600 without development funding

Project: To establish a viable new business in in a refurbished Grade II Listed building which the first train station in Sevenoaks. The building would offer hireable venue space to the local community, in addition to a platform café to serve train commuters and a retail outlet for the sale of Kent produce. There would be a range of education, interpretation and engagement activities, with plans for permanent interpretation boards on the social and architectural heritage of the station to be installed.

The Committee for South East England considered that the project represented a HIGH priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £755,600 without development funding.

11. Enhancing Places, Inspiring Communities (EPIC)
CSEE 2017 (1) 11

Applicant: Ouse & Adur Rivers Trust

Request: First Round Pass of £939,300, including Development Grant of £67,900

Project: This partnership project would see the applicant work with a private landowner to improve the chalk Teville Stream, by opening a culverted 700m section which is currently subject to the worst contamination, and redirecting it across land owned by the Sompting Estate Trust (SET). A publically-accessible green space, including new and restored complementary habitats, would be created around the stream. The project would also deliver a varied programme of community engagement and volunteering.

The Committee for South East England considered that the project represented a HIGH priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £939,300 including a development grant of £67,900 (85% of total eligible development costs)

12. Hale Chapels: Restoring our community by creating a future from our past
CSEE 2017 (1) 12

Applicant: Farnham Town Council

Request: First round pass of £388,200 without development funding

Project: To convert two Victorian Chapels in Farnham into a community centre with archive space. Alongside capital works the project would undertake a genealogy research project with three local schools, create display boards and leaflets

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

13. The Beating Heart of Portsmouth
CSEE 2017 (1) 13

Applicant: Portsmouth Cultural Trust

Request: First round pass of £1,899,700 including development grant of £190,000 (30% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To refurbish the Portsmouth Guildhall and deliver a new series of community engagement activities. The heritage of the Guildhall would be explored through new interpretation, oral history projects and a series of events and activities. Disabled access would be improved by widening foyers at the front of the building and new performance, learning and community spaces would be created.

The Committee for South East England considered that the project represented a LOW priority for support and **REJECTED** it due to the concerns raised.

14. Revealing the Past to Secure the Future: The Renaissance of Newhaven Fort

CSEE 2017 (1) 14

Applicant: Lewes District Council

Request: First Round Pass of £1,770,200, including Development Grant of £157,000

Project: To unlock Newhaven Fort to be an asset for the community of Newhaven and surrounding area for learning, employment, training and economic regeneration, and for enjoyment and well-being. The project would link the community more closely to its own history from the Stone Age onwards, while also helping to address present day problems. The project would contribute to the sustainability of the Fort by restoring the historic structure and by opening up areas that are currently inaccessible. The project would also provide new volunteering opportunities, new learning resources and facilities and would investigate conservation skills training.

The Committee for South East England considered that the project represented a MEDIUM priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £1,770,200 including a development grant of £157,000 (75% of total eligible development costs)

15. Hidden Hastings Heritage

CSEE 2017 (1) 15

Applicant: Groundwork South Trust Limited

Request: First Round Pass of £322,500, including Development Grant of £45,300

Project: Working in partnership with Hastings Borough Council, the applicant would deliver a two year programme of activities to engage local residents with Hastings Country Park. The project would include the development and installation of interpretation at the park as well as some capital improvements to the park's infrastructure.

The Committee for South East England represented a MEDIUM priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £322,500 including a development grant of £45,300 (74% of total eligible development costs)

16. Swanscombe Heritage Park Footprints in Time

CSEE 2017 (1) 16

Applicant: Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council

Request: First round pass of £827,300 including a development grant of £132,400 (92% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To survey, conserve and interpret the archaeological, geological, industrial and natural heritage of Swanscombe Heritage Park. The project would focus on improving knowledge and

conservation management of the site whilst upgrading public access and interpretation. There would also be volunteering opportunities and a range of events.

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

17. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

The Committee considered *item 9*. The Spirit of the Leas, *item 10*. Bat & Ball Station Building and *item 11*. Enhancing Places, Inspiring Communities (EPIC) represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass. *Item 14* Revealing the Past to Secure the Future and *Item 15* Hidden Hastings Heritage represented a medium priority for support and the Committee awarded a first round pass to both projects.

The Committee rejected the other applications *Item 12* Hale Chapels, *Item 13* The Beating Heart of Portsmouth and *Item 16* Swanscombe Heritage Park *Footprints in Time*.

SF4 Second round case papers for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

18. Command of the Heights

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Bill Ferris left the room for this item.

Applicant: Medway Council

Request: A grant of £1,782,600 (79%)

Project: To restore heritage features and improve public access to Fort Amherst in Chatham. The former Shell Store would be removed from the Lower Barrier Ditch to reveal the historic revetment walls and reinstate the link between the Gun Wharf and Fort Amherst. A new main entrance to Fort Amherst would be created on Barrier Road to improve visitor access. The Spur Battery would be restored and interpreted for visitors. A public engagement and activity programme would also be delivered.

Uplift: £296,200 (20%)

First round decision: First round pass of £1,700,400 including a development grant of £214,000 (90% of total eligible development costs) in June 2015.

The Committee for South East England **AWARDED** a grant of £1,782,600 (79%)

19. Cleaning and conservation of wall paintings plus works to provide long term protection and presentation

CSEE 2017 (1) 19

Applicant: Little Missenden Parochial Church Council

Request: A grant of £305,600 (70%)

Project: to conserve, protect and interpret nationally significant medieval wall paintings in the Grade I listed church. The paintings would be cleaned, conserved and plasterwork restored. Improved heating, lighting and educational material would be installed within the church. Activity and volunteer programmes would be delivered.

Uplift: £57,800 (23%)

First round decision: First round pass of £276,800 including a development grant of £29,000 (75% of total eligible development costs)

The Committee for South East England **AWARDED** a grant of £305,600 (70%)

20. National Paralympic Heritage Trust

CSEE 2017 (1) 20

Applicant: National Paralympic Heritage Trust

Request: A grant of £1,074,900 (47%)

Project: To create a heritage centre on the site of Stoke Mandeville Stadium in Buckinghamshire to explore the heritage and history of the Paralympic movement. In the longer term the applicant would seek accreditation for the collections and centre as a 'nationally styled' museum. A virtual museum/website would be developed and a series of regional modular exhibitions would be created supported by learning, education and outreach programmes.

Uplift: N/A

First round decision: First round pass of £1,289,500 including a development grant of £214,600 (73% of total eligible development costs) in December 2015.

The Committee for South East England **AWARDED** a grant of £1,074,900 (47%)

21. Margate Caves Project

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Applicant: The Margate Caves Community Education Trust

Request: A grant of £1,115,700 (62%)

Project: A project to re-open the Margate Caves, in Cliftonville, as a visitor attraction with community use. The project would construct a visitor centre with interpretation, café, shop and community space. There would also be a range of activities to complement capital works such as an oral history project, outreach activities, a community archaeology dig and the development of a website with a virtual tour.

Uplift: £295,100 (36%)

The Committee for South East England **AWARDED** a grant of £1,115,700 (62%)

22. The Pier's Tale

CSEE 2017 (1) 22

Applicant: Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners

Request: A grant of £778,400 (78%)

Project: To replace damaged wooden structural piles along the length of Yarmouth Pier. This project would complete the restoration of the pier following on from the piling replacement works undertaken in 2007. These works would be complemented by a range of activities such as talks and events on the pier before and after the repairs, curriculum based activities for local schools and outreach work to share the pier's heritage with harder to reach groups in the local community.

Uplift: N/A

First round decision: First round pass of £860,700 including a development grant of £60,000 (80% of total eligible development costs) in March 2016.

The Committee for South East England **AWARDED** a grant of £778,400 (78%)

23. Withdrawn Item

SP3 Grant Increase: Heritage Grants

24. Eling Tide Mill Learning Centre

CSEE 2017 (1) 24

Applicant: New Forest District Council

Request: A grant increase of £330,900 to make a total grant of £1,710,200 (83% of total project costs)

Project: project would create a new heritage learning centre adjacent to the historic Grade II* listed Eling Tide Mill, which would continue to operate in the traditional way. In a change from first round proposals the second set of mill wheel machinery would now be preserved as a static exhibit in the mill building.

Previous grant award: The Committee for South East England awarded a grant of £1,379,300 (83 %) in June 2014

The Committee for South East England **AWARDED** a grant increase of £330,900 to make a total grant of £1,710,200 (83% of total project costs).

SF4 First round Board case papers for discussion and recommendation: March Heritage Grants and Heritage Enterprise

25. Sheerness Dockyard Church

CSEE 2017 (1) 25

Applicant: The Sheerness Dockyard Preservation Trust

Request: First round pass of £4,672,600 including development grant of £456,200 (81% of total eligible development cost)

Project: To repair, restore and transform the derelict Grade II* listed Sheerness Dockyard Church into a business and skills hub for Sheerness. 25 flexible business/skills incubator units would be created for young people as well as catering and restaurant facilities. The project would create a focal point for local volunteering and work experience, a programme of targeted training such as business start-up weekends and hospitality training and skills development through the on-site café facilities.

The Committee for South East England considered that the project represented a **HIGH PRIORITY** (1 of 2) for support.

26. Bucks County Museum - Widening our horizons

CSEE 2017 (1) 26

Applicant: Buckinghamshire County Museum Trust

Request: First round pass of £3,199,800 including a development grant of £314,700 (67% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Would extend the historic museum buildings in the centre of Aylesbury; enabling display of newly deposited collections and at least double the display of items from the permanent collection and update facilities and increase activities to generate higher visitor numbers and income. The project would reposition the County Museum with wider regional appeal, respond to demographic changes and maintain local support.

The Committee for South East England considered that the project represented a **HIGH PRIORITY** (2 of 2) for support.

SF4 First round Board case papers for discussion and recommendation: April Major Projects

27. Major Projects Overview

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The Committee noted the overview.

28. The Restoration of the Maison Dieu, Dover's historic Town Hall

CSEE 2017 (1) 28

Applicant: Dover District Council

Request: First round pass of £8,499,900 including a development grant of £598,100 (74% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To restore the Maison Dieu and create a cultural venue, placing the building back at the heart of the Dover community and regenerating Dover's Mid Town. Capital works would include; fully repairing the building, creating a new visitor entrance, provide interactive interpretation and regular public access to the Stone Hall and record, conserve and reinstate the interior decoration by William Burges. Capital works would be complimented by a range of activities such as workshops, lectures and tours in conservation skills and opportunities for apprenticeships.

The Committee for South East England considered that the project represented a **HIGH PRIORITY** (1 of 2) for support.

29. Project: Transforming Bletchley Park's core heritage to drive new audiences, discover skills and inspire future minds

CSEE 2017 (1) 29

Applicant: Bletchley Park Trust

Request: First round pass of £9,985,400 including a development grant of £354,400 (52% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Complete the restoration of the core museum area at Bletchley Park, opening a number of buildings to visitors for the first time and restoring the gardens. The museum collections would be stored in new facilities protecting them for the future, and a new education centre would enable the Trust to manage demand for their learning programmes. Opening new areas of the site would allow the Trust to fully interpret the Bletchley story for the first time, and increase access to their collections.

The Committee for South East England considered that the project represented a **HIGH PRIORITY** (2 of 2) for support

30. Communications Report – taken as item 6a.

CSEE 2017 (1) 30

The Committee noted the report.

31. Corporate Update

CSEE 2017 (1) 31

The Committee noted the updated.

32. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 7 June 2017.