

# Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the North West Meeting on 6 December 2018

CNW 2018 (4)

**Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for the North West held on 6 December 2018 at starting at 9.45 a.m. at Manchester Cathedral Visitor Centre, 10 Cateaton St, Manchester, M3 1SQ.**

## Members:

- Tiffany Hunt (Chair)
- Neil Cossons (Trustee)
- Aileen McEvoy
- Ivan Wadeson
- Stephen Welsh
- Humphrey Welfare

## Apologies:

- Nigel de Noronha

## Committee Business

### 1. Welcomes and apologies

Oral

Tiffany Hunt, Chair of the Committee for the North West, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Corporate Update

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Sue Bowers introduced the Corporate Update including an overview of HLF's business transformation work, *Shaping our Future Business*. The work would allow HLF to be more streamlined and consistent in delivering the Strategic Funding Framework (SFF) and in support of the sector, taking on recommendations from the tailored review. The work would benefit HLF's customers through greater partnership working, better engagement, and better links to data and insight whilst retaining local teams.

An independent governance review would take place in early 2019. Three interim English committees would be created to operate from April 2019 for a 12 month period. All English members would be invited to submit an expression of interest to be a part of these committees. The country committees would continue to exist in the same format.

The Chair thanked Sue Bowers for her presentation and Nathan Lee for his role in leading the North West team through the changes.

## SF4 Second round Parks for People application for discussion and recommendation

### 3. Parks for People Overview

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The Committee noted the Overview.

### 4. Fairhaven Gardens and Lake restoration project; PP-16-01513

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Grantee: Fylde Borough Council

Request: Grant of £1,476,600 (51%)

Project: A three year project to restore and reactivate Fairhaven Lake and Gardens on the Ribble Estuary at Lytham St Annes. Proposals would deliver elements of a strategic masterplan for the park, alongside a coastal defence scheme. A programme of capital works would include works to the lake, reinstating original features to the pavilion café and landscaping. A range of activities would also be delivered.

The Parks for People delegated decision panel awarded a first round pass of £1,652,200 including development grant of £165,500 (67%) in December 2016.

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

## **5. Chair's Report**

**Oral**

Tiffany Hunt updated the Committee on her activity since the last meeting.

## **6. Minutes of last meeting on 20 September 2018**

**CNW 2018 (4) 6**

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

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

**Oral**

There were none.

## **8. North West Overview Report**

**CNW 2018 (4) 8**

Nathan Lee, Head of HLF North West, provided an Overview of the region.

The Committee discussed the Greater Manchester's Culture Strategy and made a number of comments:

- Members were very disappointed with the draft strategy in terms of heritage, noting the lack of mention of some of Greater Manchester's great assets, including museums.
- The document was not particularly reflective of Greater Manchester and members felt that it could be used to describe any other region.
- Manchester's cultural leaders should engage with the strategy to ensure the document was reflective of the sector.

An update was provided on projects in the North West. The micro grants pilot in Barrow had been very successful and was now awaiting evaluation. A number of larger grants had been awarded based on the success of these micro grants.

## **9. North West Budget**

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One second round project totalling £162,800 had been received. The Committee could fund the project if they considered that it represented excellent quality and good value for HLF funds.

Seven first round cases totalling £5,067,300 against a budget of £1,674,100. The Committee would need to prioritise the cases, ensuring that only the strongest projects were funded.

## **10. Declarations of Interest**

**Oral**

Ivan Wadeson noted that he was a Trustee of Curious Minds who were a partner for Reimagining the Harris (item 21). He had no knowledge of the project and the Committee were not the decision taker. The Committee considered that this did not represent a conflict of interests.

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

### **11. Blue Coat For All; HG-15-08231**

**CNW 2018 (4) 11**

Grantee: The Blue Coat School Liverpool

Request: Grant of £162,800 (61%)

Project: 16 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 conserve the school archive and make it accessible through digitisation.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass £181,600 including development grant of £17,800 (66% of total eligible development costs) in March 2017.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a grant of £162,800 (61%).

## **SF4 Second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation**

### **11a. Urgent roof and fabric repairs to All Saints and Martyrs Church and heritage interpretation project; HG-17-02801**

**CNW 2018 (4) 11a**

Applicant: All Saints and Martyrs Church, Langley

Request: First round pass of £604,900 including development grant of £74,400 (93%)

Project: To undertake repairs to All Saints and Martyrs Church in Langley, Rochdale and deliver a programme of heritage engagement activities. The scheme would re-roof the church and chapel, and undertake repairs to the fleche and concrete throughout the building.

The Committee for the North West **REJECTED** the application.

### **12. The Prehistoric Northern Powerhouse; HG-18-01101**

**CNW 2018 (4) 12**

Applicant: Digventures

Request: First round pass of £415,500 including development grant of £60,000 (52%)

Project: A community archaeology project focusing on engaging new audiences with archaeology, investigating the Bronze Age heritage of the North West and demonstrating its role as a prehistoric northern powerhouse. In partnership with Durham University, the project would investigate several sites across Lancashire and Cumbria working with local museums and heritage organisations as project hubs. A youth advisory group would be established during development to inform, co-design and test out the archaeology programme.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of the available budget for the meeting.

### **13. Compassionate Transformation: From Rags to Riches; HG-16-09102**

**CNW 2018 (4) 13**

Applicant: Manchester Buddhist Centre

Request: First round pass of £927,700 including development grant of £138,300 (89%)

Project: To undertake repairs to a historic building in central Manchester and deliver a programme of activities exploring the heritage of the Buddhist movement, the local area and its socioeconomic

history.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of the available budget for the meeting.

**14. Rebuilding Waterside Mill; HE-17-08069**

**CNW 2018 (4) 14**

Applicant: Valley Heritage

Request: First round pass of £795,900 including development grant of £118,400 (68%)

Project: To redevelop the derelict Grade II listed Waterside Mill in Bacup, Rossendale, Lancashire into mixed commercial and residential use. A programme of training and engagement activity would also be delivered.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of the available budget for the meeting.

**15. Restoring Sense of Community, Giving Hope, Taking Generations out of Poverty; HG-17-08621**

**CNW 2018 (4) 15**

Applicant: CEDE Foundation

Request: First round pass of £993,300 including development grant of £108,200 (45%)

Project: To restore and conserve the derelict former Church of St Ignatius of Antioch in Ordsall, Salford and transform it into a heritage learning hub and wellbeing centre. CEDE Foundation would acquire the freehold lease and become custodians of the building, providing targeted heritage and health and wellbeing activities to local residents.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of concerns raised.

**16. Restoration and Improvement of Hurst Grange Park Coach House; HG-18-01967**

**CNW 2018 (4) 16**

Applicant: South Ribble Borough Council (SRBC)

Request: First round pass of £525,600 including development grant of £12,500 (27%)

Project: A partnership project to restore and conserve the Hurst Grange Coach House. Currently obscured from public view, the Coach House would be transformed into a visitor centre for Hurst Grange Park in Penwortham, Preston. New interpretation and a programme of activities to connect visitors to the site's built and natural heritage would be developed.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £525,600 including development grant of £12,500 (27% of total eligible development costs).

**17. Threading the Heritage of Islington Mill: The Living Story; HG-18-02989**

**CNW 2018 (4) 17**

Applicant: Islington Mill Arts Club CIC

Request: First round pass of £804,400 including development grant of £58,400 (80%)

Project: To carry out urgent repairs and capital work to expand the use of the Mill and enhance financial viability, alongside delivering a programme of heritage engagement activity. 4000 square feet of space would be brought into use as performance and exhibition space and the sixth floor

would be converted into an eight bedroom bed and breakfast/artist residence space with five additional workspaces.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £804,400 including development grant of £58,400 (80% of eligible development costs).

### **18. Prioritisation of first round items**

**Oral**

During the case by case discussions:

- The Committee considered the Prehistoric Northern Powerhouse (item 12), Compassionate Transformation (item 13), Rebuilding Waterside Mill (item 14), Hurst Grange Park Coach House (item 16) and Threading the Heritage of Islington Mill (item 17) represented a high priority for support.
- The Committee considered the Restoring Sense of Community, Giving Hope, Taking Generations out of Poverty (item 15) represented a low priority for support.
- Urgent roof and fabric repairs to All Saints and Martyrs Church (item 11a) was rejected.

Hurst Grange Park Coach House (item 16) and Threading the Heritage of Islington Mill (item 17) were considered the highest priority of the high priority cases for support. These two projects were awarded first round passes. The other high priority projects were rejected in light of the available budget for the meeting. The low priority project was rejected due to concerns raised.

### **SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation**

#### **19. Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership Scheme; LP-15-02547**

**CNW 2018 (4) 19**

Grantee: Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Request: Grant of £2,273,400 (66%)

Project: Landscape Partnership scheme to reveal and protect the heritage of the Westmorland Dales and enable more people to connect with, enjoy and benefit from the landscape. Four objectives (conserving, revealing, engaging and sustaining the heritage) would underpin 21 projects to be delivered over four years.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £2,497,600 including development grant of £224,200 (71% of total eligible development costs) in October 2016.

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

### **SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation**

#### **20. Astley Hall: Uncovering Heritage and Retelling History!; HG-17-07995**

**CNW 2018 (4) 20**

Applicant: Chorley Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £2,446,200 including development grant of £248,200 (75%)

Project: To undertake urgent structural repairs to the Grade I Listed, 16th century Astley Hall in Chorley, Lancashire and publicly exhibit more of its collection through the introduction of a new, structured visitor route and increased opening times. A series of new activities would better interpret its history and link the Hall with its parkland setting.

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

**21. Re-imagining the Harris: Capital development of the Harris Museum, Art Gallery and Library; HG-18-00605**

**CNW 2018 (4) 21**

Applicant: Preston City Council

Request: First round pass of £4,702,400 including development grant of £180,900 (23%)

Project: To re-vitalise Preston's museum, art gallery and library, transforming the visitor offer whilst strengthening its financial resilience in response to the moving landscape of public funding. The project would widen access to collections, enhance visitor facilities and reach new audiences through an inclusive programme of learning with a community focus.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY (1 of 4)** for support.

**22. The restoration of Park Hill Reservoir (Toxteth) in Liverpool to provide a multi-use community venue; HE-18-02924**

**CNW 2018 (4) 22**

Applicant: Dingle 2000 Development Trust

Request: First round pass of £1,169,500 including development grant of £100,000 (75%)

Project: To develop the Grade II listed Park Hill Reservoir, Liverpool, into a flexible, multi-purpose space able to accommodate a wide range of commercial community activities and events such as craft and food markets, exhibitions, music, film, public and private functions, and other creative activities. A programme of training and engagement activities would also be delivered.

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

**23. The KIND SEED Centre; HE-18-02625**

**CNW 2018 (4) 23**

Applicant: KIND (Kids in Need and Distress)

Request: First round pass of £2,660,100 including development grant of £255,700 (90%)

Project: To bring a derelict former Welsh Presbyterian church back into use through the relocation and expansion of their support services for disadvantaged families across Merseyside. KIND would work in partnership with building owners Merseyside Building Preservation Trust to carry out essential stabilisation works. The freehold ownership of the building would be handed over to KIND for a nominal sum on the award of a second round grant.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY (3 of 4)** for support.

**24. Workington Hall and Parklands; HG-18-03412**

**CNW 2018 (4) 24**

Applicant: Allerdale Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £2,360,800 including development grant of £160,100 (80%)

Project: To undertake restoration, conservation and new works to Workington Hall and

Parklands, conserving the ruins, redeveloping the walled gardens and creating new facilities. The works would be complemented by a programme of community engagement, volunteering and training.

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

**25. Dee Coastliners - Reconnecting People and Place on the Dee Estuary (cross-territory); HG-17-08656**

**CNW 2018 (4) 25**

Applicant: Cheshire Wildlife Trust

Request: First round pass of £641,500 including development grant of £101,400 (73%)

Project: A cross territory scheme focusing on the natural heritage of River Dee Estuary, a coastal landscape bisected by the England-Wales border aimed at ensuring the Estuary would be kept clean, full of wildlife, enjoyed by people and sustainably managed.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY HIGH (2 of 4)** for support.

**26. The Pankhurst: From Parlour to Parliament; HG-18-03412**

**CNW 2018 (4) 26**

Applicant: The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid)

Request: First round pass of £3,987,600 including development grant of £455,400 (76%)

Project: To conserve the two villas that form The Pankhurst Centre, Manchester. The scheme would revitalise the heritage experience, create new multifunctional spaces, and deliver a programme of activities to inspire communities.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY (4 of 4)** for support.

**27. Prioritisation of first round items**

**Oral**

The Committee ranked the high priority cases as follows:

1. Re-imagining the Harris
2. Dee Coastliners
3. The KIND SEED Centre
4. The Pankhurst: From Parlour to Parliament

**Items for information**

**28. Communications Report**

**CNW 2018 (4) 28**

The Committee noted the report.

**29. Any other business**

**Oral**

Tiffany Hunt thanked Neil Cossons on behalf of the Committee for his contribution to the Committee for the North West. He would be stepping down as a Trustee after the December Board meeting.

**The next meeting will be held on 21 March 2019**