

# Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for South West Meeting on 4 December 2018

CSW 2018 (4)

**Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for South West held on Tuesday 4 December 2018 commencing at 10am at be in the Epworth Room, The Mint Methodist Church, Fore St, Exeter EX4 3AT.**

## **Members:**

- Stephen Boyce (Chair)
- Phil Collins
- Tamsin Daniel
- Sarah Flannigan (Trustee)
- Sue Minter
- Wilbert Smith
- Sarah Staniforth

## **Apologies:**

- Evelyn Stacey

## **Committee Business**

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

**Oral**

The Chair had received apologies from the following people in advance of the meeting:

- Evelyn Stacey (Committee Member)
- Nerys Watts (Head of HLF South West)
- Rowan Miller (Big Lottery Fund representative)

### **2. Chair's Report**

**Oral**

The Chair highlighted the following:

- A meeting with Nerys Watts and the University of Exeter on how to engage with heritage in a range of ways and the potential for strategic collaboration in the future.
- A proposed meeting with the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Bristol to discuss the university's impact on heritage in the region.
- That he had taken part in Question Time Panel regarding remembrance and stated that this was a good opportunity to engage with National Lottery Players in a very different way.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

**Oral**

The following declarations were made, which the Committee were happy did not constitute a conflict, so members could remain in the room for discussion:

- Sarah Staniforth- Cleveland Pools (item 23) as the Pilgrim Trust (of which she is a Trustee) has given a grant towards the project. As Sarah does not have grant giving powers in this case it is just for noting.

## SF4 second round Parks for People applications for discussion and recommendation

### 4. Parks for People Overview

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The Committee noted the Overview.

### 5. Sydney Gardens: a 21st Century Pleasure Gardens; PP-16-00071

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Grantee: Bath and North East Somerset Council

Request: Award grant of £2,742,300 (77%)

Project: To restore the Grade II registered Sydney Gardens in Bath, creating a 21st century pleasure garden. Key historic features would be restored and improvements to the landscape made with planned works improving habitats for biodiversity. Visitor facilities would be improved and the employment of a part-time Community Ranger would enable the delivery of engagement activities, learning and training programmes and volunteer opportunities.

The Heritage Lottery Fund Board and Big Lottery Fund Parks for People England Committee awarded a first round pass of £3,012,100 including development grant of £269,600 (81% of total eligible development costs); split between distributors (HLF £179,733.33; 66.66%) (BLF £89,866.67; 33.33%) in December 2016.

The Big Lottery Fund representative considered the project to be a **MEDIUM** priority for support.

The Committee for the South West recommended the project to the Panel as a **HIGH** priority for support.

## Corporate items

### 6. Minutes of the last meeting on 18 September 2018

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Committee agreed the minutes of the last meeting. These were signed by the Chair.

### 7. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

### 8. Corporate Update

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Anne Jenkins presented the corporate update in a closed session for the members. Anne gave a brief overview of the context for Shaping Our Future Business which was noted by the Committee. It would allow HLF to be more streamlined and consistent in our approach to delivery of the SFF and in support of the sector, with more consistent ways of working and would address recommendations from the tailored review.

Key points noted by the committee were as follows;

- A shift from four departments to three – Business Services, Business Insight and Innovation and Business Delivery.
- English Regions would reduce from nine regions to three English areas. The Countries would remain, giving a total of six Areas across the UK allowing a more strategic approach across the country with more flexible budgets, increased efficiency and a more flexible workforce.

- Bases for hub and spoke offices would be finalised after the formal consultation period though it had been agreed that all existing offices would remain open for two years.
- An illustrative England Area structure was shared and demonstrated how roles such as HR or Communications may be based outside of London. An illustrative hub and spoke model was also noted.
- A greater level of delegation and flexibility of budgets to the Area and Country teams would be seen
- The Committee noted new delegation limits for 2019-20 and from 2020 onwards.

Next steps would include an independent governance review which would take place in early 2019. Three interim England Area committees would be created to operate from April/May 2019 for a 12 month period. All members would be invited to submit an expression of interest to be a part of these committees.

## **9. South West Regional Overview**

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Julie Cooper and Kelly Spry-Phare presented the paper and highlighted the following key elements:

- That three Heritage Grant applications had been through the rapid rejection process.
- Exeter University was doing excellent work in building up knowledge of, and engagement with heritage in South West region, both through their own research and collaboration with HLF.

## **10. South West Budget Report**

**CSW 2018 (4) 10**

Julie Cooper presented the paper.

In 2018-19 the Committee budget for the South West region is £3.9m. As well as new R1 passes, uplifts and grant increases (including for GPOW projects), and any straight to R2 acquisitions come out of this budget.

At this meeting, there are six Heritage Grant first round cases totalling £3.2m against a budget of £1.6m giving a success rate of 50%

At this meeting there are four second round applications totalling £2,292,600. All four cases remain in line with their original first round pass, and are not asking for any additional funding. The Committee were reminded to consider whether all four cases continue to meet HLF outcomes strongly and offer good value for money.

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

### **11. Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust- Saving the Martyrs' Legacy; HG-15-05757**

**CSW 2018 (4) 11**

Grantee: Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust

Request: Award grant of £329,300 (46%)

Project: To address the repair needs of the Grade II\* listed former Methodist chapel, bringing the building into public use, creating a quiet place for visitors. Capital works would repair and restore the chapel and install new heating and lighting. A new extension would be built providing a space for schools and community groups. A range of interpretation would be developed and new learning opportunities delivered.

The Committee for the South West awarded a first round pass of £393,000 including development grant of £63,700 (65% of total eligible development costs) in September 2016.

The Committee for the South West considered the project as a medium priority and **AWARDED** a grant of £329,300 (46%)

### **12. The Heart of Westonbirt; HG-16-01124**

**CSW 2018 (4) 12**

Grantee: The Holfords of Westonbirt Trust

Request: Award grant of £920,000 (74%)

Project: A 3-year project to transform access and restore the built features of Westonbirt Gardens which are in urgent need of repair. Target audiences for the project were younger children and families, schools and senior adults. Capital works would reinstate lost and missing heritage details. A programme of activities and events would be delivered. 60 volunteers would be recruited and trained to work in the garden. A variety of interpretation would be put in place.

The Committee for the South West awarded a first round pass of £993,000 including development grant of £73,000 (71% of total eligible development costs) in September 2016.

The Committee for the South West considered the project as a medium priority and **REJECTED** the application due to concerns raised above.

### **13. Protecting Hyde's Heath; HG-16-08275**

**CSW 2018 (4) 13**

Grantee: RSPB South West

Request: Award grant of £577,800 (43%)

Project: To acquire, protect and restore to favourable condition 67 hectares of priority heathland habitat at RSPB Arne in Dorset and deliver a programme of people engagement activities, with a particular focus on wellbeing. RSPB Arne was a 580 hectare site comprising of Biodiversity Action Plan priority heathland, woodland and saltmarsh habitats which stretch across Poole Harbour. The site, located in Dorset's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, was home to over 30 Biodiversity Action Plan species and was part of the Arne peninsula Ramsar wetland.

The Committee for the South West awarded a first round pass of £611,800 including a development grant of £34,000 (95% of total eligible development costs) in December 2017.

The Committee for the South West considered the project as a high priority **AWARDED** a grant of £577,800 (43%)

### **14. Securing the Future; HG-17-03215**

**CSW 2018 (4) 14**

Grantee: St Johns Glastonbury

Request: Award grant of £465,500 (46%)

Project: To provide St John's Church in Glastonbury with a modern, fresh and flexible interior for a variety of worship and community activities. Capital works would include the repair of the collapsed nave floor. Learning and participation opportunities would include a two year activity programme delivered in partnership with a number of organisations including Glastonbury Abbey.

The Committee for the South West awarded a first round pass of £497,900 including a development grant of £32,400 (49% of total eligible development costs) in December 2017.

The Committee for the South West considered the project as a high priority **AWARDED** a grant of £465,500 (46%)

## 15. Prioritisation of second round items

Oral

The Committee were happy with the ranking made in the case-by-case discussions and agreed to fund the two high priority projects.

- Protecting Hyde's Heath (item 13)
- Securing the Future (item 14)

Following further discussion around the medium priority applications and their relative merits the Committee decided to award Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust- Saving the Martyrs' Legacy (item 11) and to reject The Heart of Westonbirt (item 12).

## SF4 First round applications for discussion and decision

### 16. Sharing Dulverton's Medieval Treasure: Revealing, Restoring and celebrating Our Ancient Weir & Mill Leat; HG-16-05234

CSW 2018 (4) 16

Applicant: Dulverton Weir & Leat Conservation Trust

Request: First round pass of £792,400, including development grant of £93,600 (64% of total eligible development costs)

Project: The project focussed on the purchase and restoration of the medieval weir and leat system in Dulverton, Devon and would look to engage the community with the heritage of Dulverton's water mill landscape and promote wildlife conservation within the leat system.

The Committee for the South West agreed the application represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application due to concerns raised above.

### 17. Project Newton; HG-17-01026

CSW 2018 (4) 17

Applicant: East Harptree with West Harptee and Hinton Blewett PCC

Request: First round pass of £377,600, including development grant of £82,700 (70% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Urgent repairs to Tower, bells, Chancel, wall paintings, Newton monument, stained glass in St Laurence Church, the only 2\* listed building in East Harptree. In addition to carrying out repairs and restoration to the historic fabric, the project would make the building more environmentally sustainable, accessible for visitors with disabilities and create an exhibition area and multipurpose space in the Church's south porch.

The Committee for the South West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £377,600, including development grant of £82,700 (70% of total eligible development costs).

### 18. Church of St Peter and St Paul: A vision for the Heritage Heart of Heytesbury;HG-17-04498

CSW 2018 (4) 18

Applicant: PCC of Heytesbury with Tytherington and Knook

Request: First round pass of £499,700, including development grant of £52,000 (70% of total eligible development costs)

Project: The project is the final of four phases and would conserve and redecorate the nave of this Grade I listed church. The activity programme and interpretation would be developed in partnership with a range of heritage partners, schools and educational establishments and local groups to explore the history of the church, local history and Heytesbury's connection to important historical figures.

The Committee for the South West agreed the application represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application due to concerns raised above.

### **19. A Museum for Weymouth's Future; HG-17-06644**

**CSW 2018 (4) 19**

Applicant: Weymouth Museum Trust

Request: First round pass of £526,200, including development grant of £76,200 (76% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Weymouth Museum seeks to move into a large 'designed for purpose' space within the historic brewery building adjacent to Weymouth Harbour, putting heritage on the town map. Immersive displays, temporary exhibitions, new storage and local research facilities, learning offers, activity programmes, partnerships, outreach, disabled access and retail will create a museum for the future and a vital heritage asset.

The Committee for the South West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £526,200, including development grant of £76,200 (76% of total eligible development costs).

### **20. Cupola Project- The Roof- Securing the Future of the Bastard Brothers' Masterpiece; HG-18-03008**

**CSW 2018 (4) 20**

Applicant: Blandford Forum PCC

Request: First round pass of £743,200, including development grant of £78,800 (65% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To repair and conserve this Grade I listed building, which is on the 'At Risk' register, and to restore it to a building fit to serve the needs of a community in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. An interactive project would research the lives of the people of Blandford since the 1731 Fire, the Victorian era, two World Wars and into the Millennium. Encouraging community engagement with their history, preserving the town church for centuries to come and securing the building's long-term sustainability.

The Committee for the South West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £743,200, including development grant of £78,800 (65% of total eligible development costs).

### **21. The creation of a new community space following the repair of our historic building; HG-18-03451**

**CSW 2018 (4) 21**

Applicant: St. Petroc's Parochial Church Council

Request: First round pass of £349,200, including development grant of £43,300 (80% of total eligible development costs)

Project: to increase the building's use as a community resource and expand the level of engagement with the buildings heritage. This would create an area which can be used as a coffee shop and a versatile area that could be used for concerts and meetings. Items of interest will be highlighted to increase accessibility and understanding. Repairs to protect the Grade 2\* listed building would also need to be carried out, which include masonry lead valleys, rainwater goods, tower and roof repairs to make the building watertight.

The Committee for the South West agreed the application should be **REJECTED** due to concerns raised above.

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

**Oral**

The Committee were happy with prioritisation during the case-by-case discussion and agreed to award a first round pass including development grant to the three high priority projects:

1. Project Newton; HG-17-01026 (item 17)
2. A Museum for Weymouth's Future; HG-17-06644 (item 19) and
3. Cupola- The Roof- Securing the Future of the Bastard Brothers' Masterpiece; HG-18-03008 (item 20)

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

### **23. Restoring Cleveland Pools to the heart of the community; HG-17-08364**

**CSW 2018 (4) 23**

Grantee: Cleveland Pools Trust

Request: Award grant of £4,693,300 (83%)

Project: The Georgian pools and Bath Stone crescent would be restored reusing original features and through preserving their original form and function. The site would re-open as a heated open air swimming pool with a range of activities and displays to interpret its history.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £4,693,300 without a development grant in June 2018.

The Committee for the South West recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH** priority for support.

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

### **24. Our Museum Project: saving and revealing Poole's most important heritage and protecting its community identity; HG-17-04048**

**CSW 2018 (4) 24**

Applicant: Borough of Poole

Request: First round pass of £2,514,600, including development grant of £339,300 (79% of total eligible development costs)

Project: The project would repair, conserve and open up full access to the Town Cellars building in Poole which is adjacent to Poole Museum. Poole History Centre would be integrated with the

collections, staff and volunteers in the Museum and a new maritime display would be created. Improved facilities and lift access would meet the demand from over 200,000 visitors each year.

The Committee for the South West recommended the project to the Board as a **MEDIUM** priority for support.

**25. Mission Pine Marten: Reintroducing Pine Martens to the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley; HG-18-01439**

**CSW 2018 (4) 25**

Applicant: Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

Request: First round pass of £1,334,600, including development grant of £10,700 (63% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Create a stable population of pine martens in England by bringing this enigmatic mammal back to the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley. Pine martens will be carefully monitored, and their impacts on the local ecosystem will be assessed. Collaboration with local communities would be key to ensuring the project's success and long-term sustainability. Local people and visitors to the area would be offered unique wildlife viewing and volunteering opportunities and support local businesses to develop sustainable tourism initiatives.

The Committee for the South West recommended the project to the Board as a **LOW** priority for support.

**26. Salisbury Museum for Future Generations; HG-18-03022**

**CSW 2018 (4) 26**

Applicant: Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum Trust

Request: First round pass of £3,612,300, including development grant of £429,400 (90% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To restore and develop the Grade I listed King's House through conservation of the building, creation of new gallery space, redisplay of collections, access improvements and developing new audiences. The project aims to create more robust, sustainable and resilient museum, making a difference to diverse audiences, and delivering major cultural and economic impact to Salisbury and its surrounding regions.

The Committee for the South West recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH (1 of 3)** priority for support.

**27. Restoring Stover Park; HG-18-03127**

**CSW 2018 (4) 27**

Applicant: Devon County Council

Request: First round pass of £2,493,200, including development grant of £337,800 (69% of total eligible development costs)

Project: The project would restore Stover Park to an "extended pleasure ground", now open to all, valued by and embedded in the community, offering exciting ways to engage with its history and wildlife and resilient to growing population pressures. An extended Visitor Centre would offer better facilities and support for our volunteers, new events and activities and stronger partnerships with allied organisations will make Stover Park a beacon of excellence, demonstrating a marriage of history, landscape, wildlife, culture and accessibility that builds greater well-being for all.



The Committee for the South West recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH (3 of 3)** priority for support.

**28. Light and Inspiration- Transforming the RWA (Royal West of England Academy);  
HG-18-03360**

**CSW 2018 (4) 28**

Applicant: Royal West of England Academy

Request: First round pass of £1,198,700, including development grant of £132,100 (88% of total eligible development costs)

Project: This project seeks to reinvigorate the Royal West of England Academy (RWA) in Bristol through essential repairs and improvements to the Grade II\* listed building and a community engagement and wellbeing programme which will aim to increase visitor numbers and engage under-represented audiences.

The Committee for the South West recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH (2 of 3)** priority for support.

**29. Prioritisation of first round items**

**Oral**

The Committee ranked the three high priority cases:

1. Salisbury Museum for Future Generations; HG-18-03022 (item 26)
2. Light and Inspiration- Transforming the RWA (Royal West of England Academy); HG-18-03360I (item 28) and
3. Restoring Stover Park; HG-18-03127 (item 27)

**Papers for information**

**30. Communications Report**

**CSW 2018 (4) 30**

The Committee noted the report.

**31. Any other business**

**Oral**

There was none.

**The next meeting will be held on 19 March 2019.**