

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for Wales Meeting on 21 November 2018

CW 2018 (4)

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for Wales held on 21 November 2018 at 9.45 a.m. at the Cardiff office.

Members:

- Kay Andrews (Chair)
- Nigel Clubb (in the Chair for items 1-5 and 12)
- James Davies
- Megan de Silva
- Sally Edwards
- David Robinson
- Malcolm Smith

Committee Business

1. Welcome and apologies

Oral

Nigel Clubb welcomed everyone to the meeting. Baroness Kay Andrews had been unwell and would be joining shortly.

2. Chair's Report

Oral

There was no Chair's update.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 5 September 2018

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

Richard Bellamy explained that he had been in touch with CADW who had were content to provide the Heritage at Risk list to the Committee.

Press coverage around the Hafod Morfa Copperworks award had been very positive.

5. Corporate Update

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Kay Andrews joined the meeting.

Anne Jenkins 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.

Some of the key points were:

- Move from four departments to three: Business Services, Business Insight and Innovation and Business Delivery.

- The number of English Regions would reduce from nine to three. The Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland teams would remain, giving a total of six funding areas.
- An illustrative England area structure was provided which demonstrated how a team could be structured and where other roles such as HR or Communications may be based outside of London.
- The reduction in England regions would allow a more strategic approach across the country with more flexible budgets, increased efficiency and a more flexible workforce. This was a good fit for design principles and would support delivery of SFF.
- The changes were all subject to consultation with staff and Trade Unions.

The Committee noted:

- A greater level of delegation and flexibility of budgets to the area and country teams.
- The Committee noted new delegation limits for 2019-20 and from 2020 onwards.

The next steps would include an independent governance review which 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.

6. Wales Overview Report

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The Committee noted the Overview.

7. Budget report

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Seven first round cases had been received totalling £2,521,800 against a budget of £833,200. Two second round cases totalling £1,280,000 had been received. Members noted the requirement to make savings of 20% at second round over the year.

8. Declarations of Interest

Oral

James Davies declared an interest in item 17 (World Heritage Youth Ambassadors). Through his work and research on World Heritage Education through the Ironbridge Institute, he had supported this project from the outset including attending events and providing a letter of support for their Kick the Dust application.

Kay Andrews declared a conflict of interest for item 12 (Big Pit National Coal Museum). She was a Trustee of the National Museum Wales, the applicant.

Megan de Silva mentioned that until recently she had worked at St Fagans, part of the National Museums Wales who were the application for item 12 (Big Pit National Coal Museum). The Committee were content that this did not constitute a conflict of interests.

Nigel Clubb mentioned two connections for noting:

- Item 9 (The identification restoration and celebration of sacred springs, holy wells and medicinal spas). He was a Trustee of the Dyfed and Glamorgan/Gwent Archaeological Trusts who were supplying information to the project. The Trusts routinely made information available for projects with a historic environment content.
- Item 20 (Priory, Passion, People). He was a Trustee of the Brecknock Society which had provided a letter of support for the bid. The Society was not involved in the development of the application and would not directly benefit from an HLF award.

The Committee were content that neither constituted a conflict of interests.

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9. The identification restoration and celebration of sacred springs, holy wells and medicinal spas; HG-15-04540

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Grantee: Keep Wales Tidy

Request: Grant of £572,300 (73%)

Project: A partnership project aimed at raising awareness, interest and community engagement in restoring Wellspring sites throughout Wales. A range of interventions and integrated measures would raise awareness of the heritage value of Wellsprings alongside undertaking works at 25 sites. Communities would be engaged and encouraged to identify and research their own local Wellspring sites through workshops, activity days and publicity drives.

The Committee for Wales awarded a first round pass of £650,000 including a development grant of £60,000 (57% of eligible development costs) in September 2016.

The Committee for Wales considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a grant of £572,300 (73%).

10. Uncovering the heritage of Gwydir Chapel and St Grwst Church; HG-16-09236

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Grantee: St Grwst Parish Church, Llanrwst

Request: Grant of £707,700 (72%)

Project: Three year project to conserve and re-order the Grade I listed church and Gwydir Chapel in Llanrwst. The revised proposal would re-establish the church as a vibrant community hub within the Conwy valley. A series of conservation and repair works would be undertaken to the chapel, its monuments and brasses. Improved interpretation and disabled access would enable more people to engage with the heritage of the project.

The Committee for Wales awarded a first round pass of £788,900 including a development grant of £81,200 (60% of eligible development costs) in June 2017.

The Committee for Wales considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a grant of £707,700 (72%).

11. Prioritisation of second round items

Oral

The projects were both considered a high priority for support and were supported.

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12. Preserving the industrial and skills heritage at Big Pit National Coal Museum; HG-18-03586

CW 2018 (4) 12

Kay Andrews declared an interest and left the room before discussion commenced.

Applicant: National Museum Wales (NMW)

Request: First round pass of £165,000 without development grant

Project: To restore and conserve the Grade II* listed winding headgear at the former Blaenavon Iron and Coal Mine and establish a training placement scheme to safeguard the museum's bellow ground tours.

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

13. Capel Mynach Chapel Community Regeneration Project; HG-17-07871

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Applicant: Menter Cymunedol Mynach Cyfyngedig

Request: First round pass of £335,900 including development grant of £7,700 (47% of total eligible development costs)

Project: An 18 month project to restore and transform the Capel Mynach Chapel into a multi-purpose community facility. The original chapel building would be repaired and restored with an extension including toilets, a community kitchen and meeting room.

The Committee for Wales **REJECTED** the application.

14. The Dance Library; HG-17-08072

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Applicant: Welsh Dance Theatre Trust

Request: First round pass of £654,200 including development grant of £49,400 (37% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To refurbish a derelict Grade 2 listed building in Roath, Cardiff. A programme of capital works would bring the former library back to use as a National Centre for Dance Excellence with improved facilities for the local community and site users. Interpretation would highlight the importance of the site and a number of activities would be delivered.

The Committee for Wales agreed the project represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** it in light of concerns raised.

15. Rhondda Heritage Park – Developing a 21st Century Coal Mining Heritage Experience; HG-17-05912

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Applicant: Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC - Leisure, Parks & Countryside

Request: First round pass of £189,000 including development grant of £69,800 (77% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To develop and enhance the visitor experience and create a sustainable future for the Rhondda Heritage Park Welsh Mining Experience. Training in oral history would be provided for 24 people to enable testimonies from members of the underrepresented Trehafod community to be collected and preserved. A centralised deposit for local oral histories would be created and new interpretation would enable a more interactive, digital experience for visitors.

The Committee for Wales agreed the application represented a medium priority for support and **REJECTED** it in light of the available budget for the meeting.

16. Restoration and Renovation of the Marquess of Anglesey's Column; HG-17-03485

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Applicant: Anglesey Column Trust

Request: First round pass of £699,800 including development grant of £59,800 (68% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To restore the Marquess of Anglesey Column. The original cottage on the site would be restored and transformed into a visitor engagement centre including a café and shop. Disabled

access would be created on site together with a viewing platform at the base of the column and disabled parking would also be provided. An associated programme of activities would be delivered.

The Committee for Wales agreed the application represented a medium priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £699,800 including development grant of £59,800 (68% of total eligible development costs).

17. World Heritage Youth Ambassadors; HG-17-06222

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James Davies declared an interest and left the room before discussion commenced.

Applicant: Blaenavon PACT Youth Panel

Request: First round pass of £221,000 including development grant of £19,900 (69% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To empower young people aged 13-25 to explore and engage with world heritage in a local and UK context. 62 young people would be provided with traineeships and two with apprenticeships to increase their employability within the heritage sector. A youth-led volunteer group in Blaenavon would engage 60 young people over two years and accredited training and level 1-3 qualifications would also be provided. A small cross territory element would involve taking 40 young people to World Heritage Sites across Wales and the UK.

The Committee for Wales agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £221,000 including development grant of £19,900 (69% of total eligible development costs).

18. Datblygu Gwesty'r Pengwern yn Llan Ffestiniog fel Canolfan dehongli hanes a threftadaeth Byw; HG-18-03291

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Applicant: Pengwern Cymunedol

Request: First round pass of £256,900 including development grant of £10,000 (86% of total eligible development costs)

Project: 16 month project to develop Pengwern Hotel as a living Heritage Centre for the area of Bro Ffestin. The heritage and history of the area would be researched through collection of photographs, documents and artefacts which would be used for interpretation through exhibitions for hotel residents, local people and visitors.

The Committee for Wales **REJECTED** the application.

19. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

During the case by case discussions, the Committee considered:

- World Heritage Youth Ambassadors (item 17) represented a high priority for support.
- Big Pit National Coal Museum (item 12), Rhondda Heritage Park (item 15) and Marquess of Anglesey (item 16) represented a medium priority for support.
- The Dance Library (item 14) represented a low priority for support.
- Capel Mynach (item 13) and Datblygu Gwesty'r Pengwern yn Llan Ffestiniog fel Canolfan dehongli hanes a threftadaeth Byw (item 18) should be rejected.

James Davies and Kay Andrews left the room during the prioritisation.

World Heritage Youth Ambassadors (item 17) was awarded a first round pass. Of the medium priority cases, Marquess of Anglesey (item 16) was considered the highest priority and was

awarded a first round pass. The other medium priority cases were rejected in light of the available budget for the meeting. The remaining projects were rejected due to concerns raised.

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

20. Priory, Passion, People: Brecon Cathedral, the Heart and Soul of Community; HG-17-07817

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Applicant: Brecon Cathedral

Request: First round pass of £3,869,200 including development grant of £553,700 (71% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A five year project addressing urgent repairs and enhances the visitor experience. Capital repairs would be made to the Cathedral including all roofs, making the building watertight, and masonry, lychgate and boundary walls around the Close. Internal reordering to the Cathedral and Tithe Barn would create a more flexible and user-friendly space. A new and improved accessible entrance would be created providing space for a shop, reception and storage. During the development phase a roof pilot would be undertaken to complete the most urgent works and also provide training and public engagement activities.

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

21. Re-development of YMCA, Merthyr Tydfil; HE-18-03383

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Applicant: Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £2,200,200 without development grant

Project: To fully conserve the Grade 2 listed Merthyr Tydfil YMCA, and convert it for 10 separate letting units for creative and IT industries along with traditional professions. Extensive repairs would be undertaken to the 980m2 of floorspace and a 12 space car park would be created behind the building. The YMCA would be legally transferred from the Cambrian Heritage Regeneration Trust to the Council.

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

22. Ystrad Fflur – Strata Florida: Revitalising an Historic Centre of Welsh Culture and Landscape; HG-17-00978

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Applicant: Strata Florida Trust - Ymddiriedolaeth Ystrad Fflur Cyf

Request: First round pass of £1,778,700 including development grant of £104,200 (49% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To revitalise and improve public access to the Cistercian Strata Florida Abbey ruins and adjacent farm buildings near Tregaron in Ceredigion, West Wales. The project would help develop a national centre for the celebration of Welsh heritage, language and culture, hosting a range of activities associated with the legacy of the site, its landscape and rural context.

The Committee for Wales recommended the project to the Board for **REJECTION**.

23. Prioritisation of second round items

Oral

During the case by case discussions, the Committee considered:

- Re- development of YMCA (item 21) represented a high priority for support
- Brecon Cathedral (item 20) represented a medium priority for support
- Ystrad Fflur – Strata Florida (item 22) should be rejected.

The decisions would be taken by the Board at their meeting in December.

Items for discussion

24. Communications Report

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Steve Barlow, Development Manager, provided an overview of communications activity in Wales.

25. Parks for People Overview

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The Committee noted the report.

26. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting would be held on 5 March 2019.