

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the East Midlands Meeting on 13 September 2018

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Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for the East Midlands held on 13 September 2018 at 11.00 a.m. at the International Bomber Command Centre, Lincoln.

Members:

- Jim Harker (Chair)
- Heather Broughton (from item 5)
- John Everitt
- Geoff Nickolds
- Mo Cooper

Apologies:

- Jim Dixon (Trustee)

Committee Business

1. Chair's Report

Oral

Jim Harker, Chair of the Committee for the East Midlands, welcomed everyone to Lincoln.

Jim Dixon had sent apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

Oral

There were none.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 14 June 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

There were none.

5. Corporate Update

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Anne Jenkins, Deputy Director of Operations, provided an update on various strands of work across the organisation.

6. Regional Overview

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The team provided an overview of projects in the region, updating the Committee on progress and challenges. It had been a busy time for the Development Team who highlighted recent successes in the newest priority development areas, Erewash and Gedling.

As a result of the Mendoza Review, a partnership between HLF and Arts Council England (ACE) had been formed to take a more joined up approach to the challenges faced by museums in England. ACE had provided comments on a number of the projects on the day's agenda.

7. Budget paper

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Six first round applications had been received with a grant request of £3,350,100 against a suggested budget of £1,276,850 for the meeting. These applications would need to be prioritised.

Two second round applications had been received. The Committee were able to fund both projects if they considered that they represented good value for HLF funds and were of a strong quality.

8. Communications Report

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The Committee noted the report.

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

9. Taylor's: Saving the last Bellfoundry in Britain; HE-18-01575

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Applicant: The Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust

Request: First round pass of £3,754,000 including development grant of £298,600 (80% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To address the backlog of repairs to two Grade II* buildings at risk, securing the future at Taylor's Bellfoundry. Derelict historic floorspace would be returned to production, enabling the foundry to expand its capacity and economic impact. Public engagement would be enhanced through skills training and a new exciting visitor experience.

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

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision

10. Rescuing Mrs Smith's Cottage: A unique slice of bygone Lincolnshire life; HG-15-04374

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Grantee: North Kesteven District Council

Request: Grant of £403,800 (66%)

Project: To bring Mrs Smith's Cottage back to life for visitors, the local community and learners as an immersive window to the past. Urgent structural works to the cottage would be addressed including repair and replacement of roof timbers and tiles, walls and drainage, alongside internal repairs. The visitor offer would be enhanced, creating increased space for activities and income generation.

The Committee for the East Midlands awarded a first round pass of £591,300 including a development grant of £187,500 (90% of total eligible development costs) in March 2016.

The Committee for the East Midlands **AWARDED** a grant of £403,800 (66%).

11. Pilgrim Roots: The Separatists' Story, Mayflower 400 and beyond; HG-16-09426

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Grantee: Bassetlaw District Council

Request: Grant of £447,800 (58%)

Project: Three year project connecting sites significant to the origins of the Mayflower Pilgrims story, corresponding with the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's voyage to America, creating a

coherent narrative and a quality visitor offer. Capital works would be carried out to convert the former Tourist Information Centre in Retford into a dedicated Mayflower Pilgrims museum space, incorporating it into the adjacent Bassetlaw Museum building. A Mayflower Roots Trail connecting nine sites significant to the Pilgrims' story would be created with new interpretation panels and a programme of community engagement activities across the trail site locations.

The Committee for the East Midlands awarded a first round pass of £486,400 including development grant of £38,600 (56% of total eligible development costs) in September 2017.

The Committee for the East Midlands **AWARDED** a grant of £447,800 (58%).

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision

12. The Generator - where Loughborough's Heritage, Industry, Learning, Creativity and Community Cooperatively Combine; HE-18-01247

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Applicant: The Generator Loughborough Community Interest Company

Request: First round pass of £340,000 including development grant of £30,000 (37% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To conserve and refurbish the deteriorating 1930's 'Generator' building in Loughborough's central Conservation Area. The refurbished space would be used to provide flexible start-up space, graduate retention, training and business support for the creative industries sector.

The Committee for the East Midlands agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £340,000 including development grant of £30,000 (37% of total eligible development costs).

13. The Secret Garden, Leicester; HG-18-01464

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Applicant: Leicester Hospitals Charity

Request: First round pass of £988,700 including development grant of £160,600 (90% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To restore a Victorian walled kitchen garden and old apple store at the Glenfield Leicester hospital site. The project would re-establish the garden's hundred year association with therapeutic care and provide a heritage, learning and green space for hospital patients, visitors, staff and the wider community.

The Committee for the East Midlands **REJECTED** the application in light of concerns raised.

14. St John's Church, Mansfield Spire and Tower Restoration; HG-17-07742

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Applicant: St John's with St Mary's PCC Mansfield

Request: First round pass of £310,300 including development grant of £35,700 (84% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To address the urgent repair works to the spire and tower of St John the Evangelist Church, Mansfield and carry out a programme heritage activities.

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

15. A Right Good Yarn - retold for a relevant and resilient future, Ruddington; HG-18-00156
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Applicant: Ruddington Framework Knitters' Museum Ltd

Request: First round pass of £348,800 including development grant of £114,300 (86% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To carry out essential repairs and conservation at Ruddington Framework Knitters' Museum. The project would also make improvements to the visitor offer through enhanced facilities at Gunn Cottage, creating a new visitor welcome area, tea room and gift shop along with new interpretation and increased access to collections.

The Committee for the East Midlands agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £348,800 including development grant of £114,300 (86% of total eligible development costs).

16. Restoring and Protecting the Natural Heritage of Lincolnshire's Chalk Streams and Blow Wells; HG-17-07742

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Applicant: Lincolnshire County Council

Request: First round pass of £562,900 including development grant of £71,500 (76% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To protect and enhance the biodiversity of chalk streams and blow wells and engage people and communities to raise awareness, improve knowledge and reduce environmental impacts. Activities would be carried out to support the recovery of species at risk, including water voles, native white-clawed crayfish and crystal moss. Volunteers would be trained to undertake archaeological walkover surveys and collate historical information on the state of the habitat.

The Committee for the East Midlands **REJECTED** the application in light of concerns raised.

17. Reaching New and Diverse Audiences with Stories of Survival and Safe refuge in the UK, Newark Holocaust Museum; HG-18-01285

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Applicant: Beth Shalom Ltd

Request: First round pass of £799,400 including development grant of £97,100 (29% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To expand and enhance the facilities at the National Holocaust Centre and Museum in Newark and increase learning and understanding about the Holocaust and its causes. The project would be part of a wider 10 year masterplan to enhance and transform the museum and grounds, by refurbishing outdated facilities and expanding into new buildings. This first phase of work would focus on the site's highest priorities, demonstrating the greatest need and demand including the recording of survivor testimony and using them to update the Journey exhibition.

The Committee for the East Midlands agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £799,400 including development grant of £97,100 (29% of total eligible development costs).

18. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

During the case by case discussion, the Committee considered that:

- The Generator (item 12), A Right Good Yarn (item 15) and Newark Holocaust Museum (item 17) represented a high priority for support.
- St John's Church (item 14) represented a low priority for support.
- The Secret Garden (item 13) and Restoring and Protecting the Natural Heritage of Lincolnshire's Chalk Streams and Blow Wells (item 16) should be rejected.

Taking into account the remaining budget for the year, the Committee awarded first round passes to the three high priority projects.

19. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting would be held on 29 November 2018.