

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for London Meeting on 14 June 2018

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Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for London held on 14 June 2018 at 10.00 a.m. at the Lesnes Abbey Wood, Abbey Road, DA17 5DH.

Members:

- Blondel Cluff (Chair)
- Rachel Hasted
- Claire Madge
- Peter Neal
- Jonathan Pickstone

Apologies:

- Jenny Cousins
- Angela Dean

Committee Business

1. Welcome and Chair's Report

Oral

Blondel Cluff, Chair of the Committee for London, welcomed everyone to Lesnes Abbey Wood. Jenny Cousins and Angela Dean had sent apologies. The Chair noted that this would have been Angela's final meeting as the Trustee representative of the Committee for London. She would be replaced from 21 June by Maria Adebawale-Schwarte. Maria was the former Chair of the Committee for South East England and had recently been appointed as Trustee.

Blondel reported that she had recently attended openings and events at the Royal Academy and the Science Museum.

The meeting would be followed by a tour of Lesnes Abbey Wood.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 6 March 2018

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

Stuart Hobley, Head of HLF London, updated the Committee on post-rejection feedback given to unsuccessful applicants.

4. Corporate Update

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Sue Bowers, Deputy Director of Operations, presented the Corporate Update.

5. London Overview Report

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Stuart Hobley presented the Overview.

The Committee were encouraged to respond to the weekly invites and events list, which was prioritised and highlighted when a speaker was required. Members of the Committee were encouraged to take up speaking opportunities where they felt they could contribute.

6. London Budget

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Simona Spoglianti, Casework Manager, introduced the budget.

The budget for the year for the London Committee would be £5,900,000, divided between the three London Committee meetings where first round projects would be considered, providing a budget of £1,965,666 for the meeting. This budget would include first round passes, uplifts, grant increases and acquisitions.

Four first round cases totalling £2,965,100 had been received against a budget of £1,965,666. One second round project totalling £464,000 had also been received. The Committee would be able to fund the second round project if they were content that it was a strong project and represented good value for money.

The pipeline for the September meeting showed a total request of over £4m.

7. Declarations of Interest

Oral

There were none.

SF4 second round applications for decision: Heritage Grants

8. London Tails of Amphibian Discovery (T.O.A.D): HG-16-08088

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Grantee: The Froglife Trust

Request: Grant of £464,000 (58%)

Project: A three-year project to address the decline in toad populations and enhance and secure the future of existing habitats. The scheme would work over 85 locations across 24 London boroughs, and deliver large-scale habitat conservation work at seven sites. Nature trails would be created by volunteers to highlight the importance of toads, wildlife and natural areas. A conservation and activity programme would be delivered in association with the project.

The Committee for London awarded a first round pass of £511,200 including development grant of £38,800 (94% of total eligible development costs) in June 2017.

The Committee for London considered this was a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a grant of £464,000 (58%).

9. Sharing Social Housings' History: Restoring Kensal House Estate's Community Rooms: HG-16-08498

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Grantee: SPID Theatre Company

Request: First round pass of £949,900 including development grant of £113,900 (35%)

Project: To repair, refurbish and extend the Community Rooms in the Grade II* Kensal House Estate. Comprehensive building repairs would be undertaken including ceiling leaks and replacement of damaged plasterwork. A new workshop space would be created and a single storey extension would provide a new multipurpose space. Accredited training would also be provided.

The Committee for London considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £949,900 including development grant of £113,900 (35% of total eligible development costs).

10. Union Chapel's Sunday School Stories - a tale of dissent and social change: HG-17-05590

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Grantee: Union Chapel Project

Request: First round pass of £852,200 including development grant of £92,000 (50%)

Project: To repair the Grade II* listed Union Chapel Sunday School for contemporary public use. The scheme would preserve uncatalogued archive material, covering the Chapel's 200 year history and make it publicly accessible. Focusing on the bond between nonconformity, liberalism and social change, the scheme would establish the Sunday School as a centre for cultural learning and ideas exchange. A programme of associated activities would also be delivered.

The Committee for London considered that the project represented a medium priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of the concerns raised.

11. Reviving St Pancras Old Church and Exploring its Rich Past: HG-17-06863

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Grantee: St Pancras Old Church

Request: First round pass of £556,000 including development grant of £116,000 (69%)

Project: To carry out a programme of conservation repairs to St Pancras Old Church, listed on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register. A programme of activities would improve visitor engagement with the site's heritage.

The Committee for London considered that the project represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of concerns raised.

12. Study Room preservation, development and engagement project: HG-17-07786

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Grantee: Live Art Development Agency

Request: First round pass of £607,000 including development grant of £172,000 (76%)

Project: To preserve and digitise Live Art Development Agency's collection of VHS tapes and DVD's, containing Live Art performances from 1990-2008. A new digital archive and catalogue would be created, alongside a programme of public events.

The Committee for London considered that the project represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of the concerns raised.

13. Prioritisation and feedback for first round items

Oral

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

- Sharing Social Housings' History (item 9) represented a high priority for support.
- Union Chapel's Sunday School Stories (item 10) represented a medium priority for support.
- Reviving St Pancras Old Church (item 11) and Study Room preservation (item 12) represented a low priority for support.

The Committee awarded a first round pass to Sharing Social Housings' History. The three remaining projects were rejected in light of concerns raised.

SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Parks for People

14. Parks for People Overview

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The Committee noted the Overview.

15. Headstone Manor Park - A Park for All Communities: PP-15-04410

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Grantee: Harrow Council

Request: Grant of £1,126,900 (52%)

Project: To restore the quality, vitality and attractiveness of Headstone Manor Park, delivering improvements to its landscape, wildlife and habitats. New interpretation, a heritage trail and a range of visitor engagement activities would also be delivered.

The Heritage Lottery Fund Board and Big Lottery Fund Parks for People England Committee awarded a first round pass of £1,356,600 including development grant of £229,700 (81% of eligible development costs) in June 2016.

The Committee for London recommended the project to the Parks for People Panel as a **HIGH PRIORITY (3 OF 4)** for support.

SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Heritage Grants

16. Boston Manor: Engaging with the 21st century: HG-15-04730

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Grantee: London Borough of Hounslow

Request: Grant of £3,734,200 (65%)

Project: To restore and repair the fabric of the Boston Manor, a 17th century Grade I listed Jacobean Manor House. The project would improve access, make sensitive structural repairs and create flexible working spaces for the arts and creative sectors. An associated programme of activities would be delivered.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £3,938,000 including development grant of £203,800 (74% of total eligible development costs) in March 2016.

The Committee for London recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY (1 OF 4)** for support.

17. Hidden Gem to National Treasure: Opening up Leighton House Museum: HG-15-06865

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Grantee: Leighton House Museum

Request: Grant of £1,629,000 (24%)

Project: To restore the Grade II* listed Leighton House site, providing better access and enhancing the visitor experience. A ten-year programme of works would be carried out with an associated activity and engagement programme.

The Committee for London awarded a first round pass of £1,996,400 including a development grant of £337,400 (73% of eligible development costs) in June 2016.

The Committee for London recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY (4 OF 4)** for support.

18. NGUC 2020 Recovering the Dissenters' Legacy at the Birthplace of Feminism: HG-16-04809

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Grantee: New Unity CIO

Request: Grant of £1,731,800 (74%)

Project: To restore the Grade II Newington Green Unitarian Church and re-open it as a meeting house for visitors to explore the heritage of rational dissent, social justice and feminism. Access and facilities would be improved and permanent interpretation created. A programme of activities would be delivered engaging the public in the history of the building.

The Committee for London awarded a first round pass of £1,855,000 including a development grant of £123,200 (71% of total development costs) in March 2017.

The Committee for London recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY (OF 2 OF 4)** for support.

19. Prioritisation of items 15 to 18

Oral

The Committee prioritised the four high priority projects as follows:

1. Boston Manor: Engaging with the 21st century
2. NGUC 2020
3. Headstone Manor Park
4. Hidden Gem to National Treasure

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Heritage Grants

20. Historic and Botanic Garden Training Partnership (cross territory): HG-17-06462

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Applicant: English Heritage

Request: First round pass of £2,306,600 including development grant of £45,000 (65%).

Project: To deliver a cross-territory heritage and botanic training partnership with 75 historic gardens and community groups, for 170 trainees from underrepresented and excluded groups. This training structure would include 8-week taster sessions for 100 participants, a one-year traineeship for 40 participants and a two-year Level 2 Horticultural & Landscape Operative Apprenticeship for 30 participants.

The Committee for London recommended the project to the Board as a **LOW PRIORITY** for support.

21. CITiZAN Discovery Programmes: community-led responsible stewardship for England's threatened coastal heritage: HG-17-08309

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Applicant: Museum of London Archaeology

Request: First round pass of £1,853,400 including development grant of £55,900 (88%)

Project: To create six new Discovery Programmes in three archaeologically significant areas. These programmes would consist of community-based training sessions, outreach workshops and on-site surveys, providing volunteers with the skills needed to identify, record and monitor coastal and intertidal archaeological sites in England.

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

22. Discovering the hidden heritage at King Charles Court, Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich: HG-17-08421

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Applicant: Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance

Request: First round pass of £1,686,700 including development grant of £186,600 (67%)

Project: To carry out a programme of conservation and improve public accessibility at the Grade I King Charles Court, part of the Old Royal Naval College, contributing to interpretation of the wider World Heritage Site. Key spaces and reception areas would be redeveloped to provide areas for public engagement and a range of performances, events and activities. A dynamic public engagement programme would also be delivered.

The Committee for London recommended the project to the Board as a **LOW PRIORITY** for support.

23. Hanwell Community Centre: HG-17-01229

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Applicant: Ealing Council

Request: First round pass of £1,435,200 including development grant of £175,400 (57%)

Project: To revitalise Hanwell Community Centre, enabling it to tell its story for the first time whilst continuing to deliver community space. The basement would be transformed into a flexible space with the main corridor used for exhibition and interpretation. Access would be improved through a new lift, improved visitor facilities and improvements to external signage and lighting. A programme of activities would be delivered in association with the scheme.

The Committee for London recommended the project to the Board as a **LOW PRIORITY** for support.

24. Prioritisation of items 20 to 23

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

- CITiZAN Discovery Programmes (Item 21) represented a high priority for support
- Historic and Botanic Garden Training Partnership (item 20), Discovering the hidden heritage at King Charles Court (item 22) and Hanwell Community Centre (item 23) represented a low priority for support.

Papers for information

25. HLF Business Plan 2018-2019

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26. Team Operating Plan 2018-2019

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27. Annual review of 2017-2018

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28. Minutes from the meeting of Country and Regional Chairs on 1 May 2018

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29. Committee Appraisals

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30. Communications Report

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The papers were noted.

31. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting would be held on 11 September 2018.