

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the North West Meeting on 21 June 2018

CNW 2018 (2)

Summary minutes of the meeting of the Committee for North West held on 21 June 2018 at 9.45 a.m. at the Jasmine Suite at the Centre for Chinese Contemporary Art, Market Buildings, 13 Thomas Street, Northern Quarter, Manchester, M4 1EU.

Members:

- Tiffany Hunt (Chair)
- Neil Cossons (Trustee)
- Nigel de Noronha
- Aileen McEvoy
- Stephen Welsh
- Humphrey Welfare

Apologies:

- Ivan Wadeson

Committee Business

1. Welcomes and apologies

Oral

Tiffany Hunt, Chair of the Committee for the North West, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ivan Wadeson had sent apologies.

2. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair thanked Nathan Lee, Kay Watson and the team for all their efforts in moving office.

Sir Peter Luff, NHMF Chair, would be visiting Cumbria in August.

3. Minutes from the meeting held on 15 March 2018

CNW 2018 (2) 3

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

CNW 2018 (2) 5

Sue Bowers, Deputy Director of Operations, introduced the Corporate Update. She drew the Committee's attention to a number of key points which had been agreed by the Board.

6. North West Overview

CNW 2018 (2) 6

The Committee noted the Overview.

7. North West Budget

CNW 2018 (2) 7

For 2018-19 the Committee budget for the North West region would be £5,100,000, providing a budget of £1,683,333 for the day's meeting. This budget would include first round passes, uplifts, grant increases and acquisitions.

13 first round cases totalling £8,095,600 had been received against the budget. One second round project totalling £182,900 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 £7.8m for first rounds.

8. Declarations of interest

Oral

There were none.

In relation to Hall Waberthwaite (item 20), Humphrey Welfare highlighted that he sat on the Carlisle Diocesan Advisory Committee. The Committee were content that this did not constitute a conflict of interests.

SF4 second round applications for decision: Heritage Grants

9. Woodland Futures; HG-16-08630

CNW 2018 (2) 9

Grantee: Community Forest Trust

Request: Grant of £182,900 (72%)

Project: To restore three historic woodlands in Wythenshawe, Manchester; the Brundrit, Sandilands Wood and Ash Wood. Capital restoration works would include woodland thinning, restoration of natural features including the planting of native tree species and access and pathway improvements. Local people would be engaged through a series of events and activities to help ensure the woods would be brought into sustainable management.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £211,800 including development grant of £23,800 (86% of total eligible development costs) in June 2017.

The Committee for the North West agreed that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a grant of £182,900 (72%).

SF4 first round applications for decision: Heritage Grants

10. Exhibition and Lifelong Learning Centre: actively engaging people in Prescot's fascinating Elizabethan cultural history; HG-17-02300

CNW 2018 (2) 10

Applicant: Knowsley MBC

Request: First round pass of £638,900 including development grant of £85,300 (62%)

Project: Delivered in partnership with Shakespeare North Trust, the project would see the creation of an Exhibition and Lifelong Learning Centre within the new Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescot, Knowsley. Local people would be engaged through an activity programme exploring Prescot's Tudor and Jacobean history and the town's connections to Shakespeare, which included the first purpose-built Elizabethan theatre outside London.

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

Museum of the Manchester Regiment; HG-16-09345

CNW 2018 (2) 11

Applicant: Tameside MBC

Request: First round pass of £968,000 including development grant of £103,600 (60%)

Project: The fit-out of a new 505sqm ground-floor space for the Museum of Manchester Regiment within Ashton Town Hall. Artefacts and intangible heritage including oral histories would be re-interpreted in new exhibitions and displays and a series of activities and events would be delivered to engage a range of audiences.

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

Transforming Merseyside's Fire Heritage and Education Centre; HG-17-05949

CNW 2018 (2) 12

Applicant: Merseyside Fire & Rescue Heritage & Education Centre

Request: First round pass of £210,100 including development grant of £13,600 (43%)

Project: To develop and extend an independent, volunteer-run Fire and Rescue Heritage and Education Centre based at Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service. The extended building would include new gallery and display areas with improved exhibitions, displaying items not currently available. Visitor pathways and accessibility would be enhanced. An associated activity programme would also be delivered.

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

Barrow built: sharing Barrow's past, present and future shipbuilding

CNW 2018 (2) 13

Applicant: The Dock Museum

Request: First round pass of £833,900 including development grant of £31,800 (69%)

Project: A two year project aimed at revitalising the Museum and improving engagement with, and interpretation of, Barrow's ship and submarine-building heritage. A new research room would be created in the Shipbuilders gallery to provide access to newly digitised collections. The gallery would also be refurbished to include new display cases, interactives, lighting and panels. Conservation would be undertaken to ship models and the entrance would be refurbished to improve links between internal and external dock/shipyard areas. A programme of activities to engage identified target audiences would be delivered.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £833,900 including development grant of £31,800 (69% of total eligible development costs).

11. Our Lady & St. Wilfrid's, Augustus Pugin designed church Warwick Bridge, internal decoration repair; HG-16-08608

CNW 2018 (2) 14

Applicant: Parish Our Lady of Eden, Carlisle

Request: First round pass of £282,300 including development grant of £46,700 (95%)

Project: To carry out internal repair and restoration works to Our Lady of St. Wilfrid's Church, Warwick Bridge. The scheme would address previous water damage to Pugin's decorative scheme and prevent future damage. A community engagement offer would also be delivered.

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

12. Conservation of St John's heritage building, relaunching the church and creating a community hub; HG-17-07562

CNW 2018 (2) 15

Applicant: St John the Baptist RC Church

Request: First round pass of £835,400 including development grant of £83,800 (95%)

Project: To carry out urgent high level repair works to The Baptist Roman Catholic Church of St John, Rochdale. The project would address previous damage by water ingress to the roof, structural concrete and wall plaster, with additional mosaic conservation works. A programme of community engagement activities would also be delivered.

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

13. The Abram Community Memories Project: Bringing People Together Through Shared Heritage; HG-17-01381

CNW 2018 (2) 16

Applicant: Abram St John's Church

Request: First round pass of £516,500 including development grant of £71,000 (77%)

Project: A three-strand project to carry out repair and new works to St. John The Evangelist, Abram, create a community and heritage hub and collect, document and digitise community memories, sharing them through interpretation and long-term public access.

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

14. Brilliant Brockholes; HG-17-02754

CNW 2018 (2) 17

Applicant: Lancashire Wildlife Trust

Request: First round pass of £717,300 including development grant of £94,500 (73%)

Project: To implement a new volunteer infrastructure, and improve interpretation to diversify audiences at the Brockholes wildlife reserve in Preston, Lancashire.

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

15. Seeing the North with Sankey: Rescuing, sharing and celebrating a unique photographic archive; HG-17-01260

CNW 2018 (2) 18

Applicant: Signal Film and Media

Request: First round pass of £256,700 including development grant of £22,000 (84%)

Project: In partnership with Cumbria Archive Service (CAS), to restore, catalogue and re-home the Sankey collection and make it accessible through an online database. The archive was currently in private ownership would be donated to CAS as a permanent loan.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £256,700 including development grant of £22,000 (84% of total eligible development costs).

16. Protecting The Dome of Home: A living, lasting legacy for the New Brighton Community; HG-17-06230

CNW 2018 (2) 19

Applicant: Ss Peter, Paul & Philomena's Church, Wallasey

Request: First round pass of £434,900 including development grant of £72,000 (84%)

Project: To undertake a fourth phase of repairs at Saints Peter, Paul and Philomena Church, New Brighton, Wallasey. Undertaking urgent repairs to the church, the project would also expand the existing community activities offered, attracting increased visitor numbers from a wider target audience base.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £434,900 including development grant of £72,000 (84%).

17. Hall Waberthwaite: 2000 years of history and culture interpreted for a new generation; HG-17-06256

CNW 2018 (2) 20

Applicant: St John's Church, Waberthwaite

Request: First round pass of £407,900 including development grant of £45,400 (51%)

Project: To repair the Grade II* listed St John's Church in Waberthwaite, Cumbria. The scheme would also renovate the neighbouring Laundry building to provide an education/community space and deliver a programme of heritage activities.

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

18. Reviving the Ruins: placing Furness Abbey at the heart of Barrow; HG-17-00640

CNW 2018 (2) 21

Applicant: English Heritage

Request: First round pass of £998,000 including development grant of £81,200 (62%)

Project: To repair Furness Abbey in Barrow, improve the visitor centre offer and increase community and volunteer activities. Plans to re-engage with existing and new audiences would help create a unique visitor experience to enable the Abbey to become financially self-sustaining and to play a larger role in the local community.

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

19. Threading the heritage of Islington Mill: The Living Story of communities, artists, and makers; HG-17-08077

CNW 2018 (2) 22

Applicant: Islington Mill

Request: First round pass of £995,700 including development grant of £229,700 (60%)

Project: To carry out capital work to expand the use of Islington Mill, an important creative space, a hub for arts and culture and enhance financial viability. A programme of research and activity to increase engagement with the mill's heritage would also be delivered.

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

20. Prioritisation of items 10 to 22

CNW 2018 (2) 23

During the case by case discussions, the Committee identified:

- Barrow Built (item 13), Seeing the North with Sankey (item 18), Protecting the Dome of Home (item 19), Reviving the Ruins (item 21) and Threading the heritage of Islington Mill (item 22) as a high priority for support.
- The Abram Community Memories Project (item 16), Hall Waberthwaite (item 20) as a medium priority for support.
- Exhibition and Lifelong Learning Centre (item 10), Museum of the Manchester Regiment (item 11), Transforming Merseyside's Fire Heritage and Education Centre (item 12) as a low priority for support.
- That Our Lady & St. Wilfrid's (item 14), Conservation of St John's heritage building (item 15) and Brilliant Brockholes! (item 17) should be rejected.

Of the high priority cases, Barrow Built, Seeing the North with Sankey and Protecting the Dome of Home were the highest priority for support. These cases were awarded first round passes.

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

21. Parks for People Overview

CNW 2018 (2) 24

The Committee noted the Overview.

22. Reviving the Mount

CNW 2018 (2) 25

Grantee: Wyre Borough Council

Request: Grant of £2,019,400 (84%)

Project: A second and larger phase in a programme of restoration works at Mount Garden. The scheme would focus on two buildings in the park; restoring the pavilion, replacing lost features and fitting it out as an education and exhibition space and bringing the entrance lodge building into community use. Planting would be reintroduced and lost features such as pebble walls and landscaping features would be replaced. An associated programme of heritage activities and volunteering would be delivered.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £2,197,600 including development grant of £142,900 (87%) in December 2016.

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

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

23. NHS at 70: The Story of Our Lives; HG-16-05732

CNW 2018 (2) 26

Grantee: University of Manchester

Request: Grant of £585,900 (39%)

Project: A cross-territory scheme to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS, exploring its pivotal place in post-war British society. 16 posts would be funded across the UK to research, conserve and disseminate the heritage of this unique institution. Through a heritage hub, the project would create a digital platform offering a comprehensive resource conserving and improving access to new and existing material.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £785,000 including development grant of £199,100 (53% of total eligible development costs) in March 2017.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY (1 OF 3)** for support.

24. Restoration of 1930s fire station into a new home for Greater Manchester Fire Service Museum; HG-16-00117

CNW 2018 (2) 27

Grantee: Greater Manchester Fire Service Museum Trust

Request: Grant of £1,679,300 (85%)

Project: To develop an enhanced fire service museum which would be relocated in the old Rochdale Fire Station building. The building would be repaired and restored with a new museum display space, reception and café and retail area. A series of volunteering opportunities and a programme of activities would also be delivered.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £1,807,300 including development grant of £108,000 (82% of total eligible development costs) in September 2016.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY (2 OF 3)** for support.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and recommendation: Heritage Grants

25. Blackpool Grand Theatre - The All-Electric Theatre Project; HG-16-08595

CNW 2018 (2) 28

Applicant: Blackpool Grand Theatre Trust

Request: First round pass of £4,499,900 including development grant of £1,014,500 (87%)

Project: To undertake repairs to Blackpool's Victorian Grand Theatre, improve existing facilities, and deliver a complementary activities and engagement programme to make the building and its heritage more accessible.

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

26. The church at the heart of Liverpool's Georgian Quarter: Restoration and Regeneration; HG-16-07458

CNW 2018 (2) 29

Applicant: DCC of St Bride's Church, Liverpool

Request: First round pass of £1,992,700 including development grant of £170,900 (76%)

Project: To restore St Bride's to the heart of Liverpool's Georgian quarter as a community facility and heritage destination. A programme of repairs and adaptation works would allow enhanced access for a broader range of users.

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

**27. Wildlife Communities – working together to rebuild & sustain UK wildlife; HG-17-05985
CNW 2018 (2) 30**

Applicant: Chester Zoo

Request: First round pass of £860,300 including development grant of £67,300 (92%)

Project: Cross-territory scheme across the North West and Yorkshire and the Humber working with local communities to improve existing urban habitats, create new habitats and support habitat connectivity by bringing people together to plan and deliver practical actions to prevent natural heritage decline in their areas.

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

**28. Workington Stella Maris Project - Securing the future of our piece of Heaven on Earth;
HG-17-04221**

CNW 2018 (2) 31

Applicant: Parish of Christ the Good Shepherd

Request: First round pass of £1,539,300 including development grant of £141,700 (56%)

Project: To weatherproof the church by completing urgent repairs to roofs, masonry and windows and restore/redecorate water-damaged and deteriorating internal fabric and features. A new extension would provide in-situ, multipurpose, non-sacred space for additional activity.

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

**29. Restoring Penrith Castle Park as a valued and exciting community and heritage hub;
HG-17-06584**

CNW 2018 (2) 32

Applicant: Eden District Council

Request: First round pass of £1,215,200, including development grant of £105,200 (76%)

Project: To regenerate the Penrith Castle Park, restoring heritage features, modernising facilities, and improving access to the site. A new castle themed children's area would be created and obstacle golf area extended based on the area's heritage and landmark buildings. A programme of activities and interpretation would be delivered.

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

30. Prioritisation of items 28 to 32

Oral

During the case by case discussions, the Committee identified:

- Restoring Penrith Castle Park (item 32) as a high priority for support.
- The church at the heart of Liverpool's Georgian Quarter (item 29) as a medium priority for support.

- Blackpool Grand Theatre (item 28), Wildlife Communities (item 30), Workington Stella Maris Project (item 31) as a low priority for support.

Papers for information

31. Communications Report	CNW 2018 (2) 34
32. HLF Business Plan 2018-2019	CNW 2018 (2) 35
33. Team Operating Plan 2018-19	CNW 2018 (2) 36
34. Annual Review of 2017-18	CNW 2018 (2) 37
35. Minutes from Country and Regional Chairs on 1 May 2018	CNW 2018 (2) 38
36. Committee Appraisals	CNW 2018 (2) 39

The Committee noted the papers.

37. Any other business

Oral

Nigel de Noronha provided feedback on an Inclusion session that he had attended by videoconference. Members emphasised the importance of encouraging applicants to show a commitment to inclusion in their projects.

The next meeting would be held on 20 September 2018 and would be preceded by an away day on 19 September.