

# Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for East Midlands Meeting on 29 November 2016

CEM 2016 (4)

**Draft minutes of the meeting of the Committee for East Midlands held on Tuesday 29 November 2016 at 10.30 a.m. in the Grand Jury Room at the Galleries of Justice, Nottingham.**

## Members:

- Jim Harker (Chair)
- Heather Broughton
- Mo Cooper
- John Everitt
- Geoff Nickolds
- Atul Patel (Trustee)
- David Stocker

## Committee Business

### 1. Chair's Report

Oral

Jim Harker, Chair of the Committee for the East Midlands welcomed:

- Felix Gott, the new Communications Manager for the region and Jo Baker, Government and Parliamentary Relations Office, as an observer to the meeting.
- Emma Horsley, a new Lawyer at HLF and Emily Knight, a new Grants Officer. They were both attending as observers.

The Chair had attended a number of meetings across the region.

He noted that a newsletter to promote HLF in the East Midlands had been drafted and was close to being published. The Committee recognised the importance of the publication and thanked for the team for their work in producing it.

### 2. Minutes from the meeting of the Regional and Country Chairs on 11 October 2016

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The Committee noted the minutes.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

Oral

David Stocker declared an interest in two items:

- Item 15: Boston Townscape Heritage project. He was a Trustee of Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology's (SLHA) Building Recording Committee who would deliver part of the project. He also noted that he had discussed the project in his role as Chair of the HTL Advisory and Liaison Committee.
- Item 21: Lincoln Cathedral Connected. David sat on the Lincoln Cathedral Fabric Advisory Committee and since the first round submission had helped to write the Cathedral's conservation plan.

Geoff Nickolds declared an interest in two items:

- Item 8: Until recently, Geoff was a council member at the National Trust, the applicant for People's Hardwick.
- Item 10: The National Trust was mentioned as a partner throughout the application.

Heather Broughton mentioned that item 17, Hinckley Townscape Heritage project was known to her through her role as a Parish Council representative on Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's Tourism Partnership. She had not engaged in discussion with officers and the Committee were content that this did not constitute a conflict of interests.

#### **4. Minutes of the meeting on 7 September 2016**

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The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

#### **5. Matters arising from the minutes**

**Oral**

There were none.

#### **6. Regional Overview**

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Jonathan Platt, Head of HLF East Midlands, introduced the Regional Overview.

An update was provided on cases in delivery.

The team was now at full complement after months of running with vacancies.

#### **7. Budget Paper**

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Jonathan Platt introduced the Budget paper.

Four first round Heritage Grants cases totalling £4,277,400 had been received against a budget of £1,214,100 which meant that the Committee would need to prioritise between applications.

One second round case had been received. There were sufficient monies available so long as the Committee were content that the application was of high quality and would deliver good value for money.

#### **SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants & Heritage Enterprise**

#### **8. People's Hardwick**

**CEM 2016 (4) 8**

Applicant: The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty

Request: First round pass of £1,075,800 including development grant of £74,800 (40% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To improve infrastructure, increase interpretation and consider new approaches to community engagement at Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire. New and improved pathways would enable more visitors to experience the wider estate. Research and interpretation would focus around the stories of those who had worked on the estate over the years. The project would include new volunteering roles and a programme of activities.

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

#### **9. Mayflower Roots: The Separatists' Story**

**CEM 2016 (4) 9**

Applicant: Bassetlaw District Council

Request: First round pass of £768,400 including development grant of £36,000 (84% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To commemorate the heritage of Mayflower Pilgrims and their roots in Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire. Permanent and touring exhibitions and a trail linking significant sites would be created. A series of volunteer opportunities and events would be delivered in association with the project.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a medium priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of the available budget for the meeting and concerns raised.

## 10. Sudbury Gasworks: Rescued and Restored

**CEM 2016 (4) 10**

Applicant: Sudbury Gasworks Restoration Trust Ltd

Request: First round pass of £1,390,300 including development grant of £116,800 (59% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To restore and ensure a sustainable future for the Sudbury Gasworks. The project would repair and conserve the gas house structure and site and reconstruct part of the retort house to show how the building functioned and explain the process of gas production. An extension would be created as a community hub to accommodate weddings and other large functions. A programme of associated activities would be provided.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £1,390,300 including a development grant of £116,800 (59% of total eligible development costs)

## 11. The Transformation of St Wilfrid's

**CEM 2016 (4) 11**

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of St Wilfrid's Church

Request: First round pass of £1,042,900 including development grant of £76,200 (66% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To transform the Grade I listed St Wilfrid's Church into a hub for the community, academics and educators. Heritage features would be restored and facilities would be enhanced to attract new audiences and ensure the building's future sustainability. Research would be carried out into the origins of the church and the lives of Barrow villagers and their relationships with the Hospitallers.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a medium priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of the available budget.

## 12. Prioritisation of first round items

**Oral**

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

- *Sudbury Gasworks* (item 10) represented a high priority for support
- *Mayflower Roots: The Separatists' Story* (item 9) and *The Transformation of St Wilfrid's* (item 11) represented a medium priority for support
- *People's Hardwick* (item 8) represented a low priority for support.

With reference to the available budget for the meeting, the Committee awarded a first round pass to Sudbury Gasworks. The other first round cases were rejected in light of the available budget and concerns raised.

### 13. Grants for Places of Worship Applications

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In the East Midlands, four first round applications with a grant request of £738,900 were received against a regional budget of £635,050. The cases underwent full assessment, and Historic England provided detailed technical advice to establish the urgency of the repair works. HLF assessment also looked at how well the applications met outcomes for communities.

The Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
13a	Repairs and alterations to preserve building, secure heritage and expand community use	St John the Baptist, Cold Overton	First round pass of £239,000 including development grant of £20,800 (66% of total eligible development costs)
13b	Stonework Conservation and Heritage Interpretation	St Laurence, Measham PCC	First round pass of £209,300 including development grant of £18,500 (78% of total eligible development costs)
13c	Urgent Repairs and Enhancing Community Use at St. John the Baptist Church, Grimston	Parochial Church Council, Grimston	First round pass of £183,700 including development grant of £18,300 (76% of total eligible development costs)
13d	Repair and refurbishment of, and improved accessibility to, church building	St Giles PCC, Killamarsh, Derbyshire	First round pass of £106,900 including development grant of £11,300 (39% of total eligible development costs)

### SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grant

#### 14. The recreation and renaissance of Wirksworth Heritage Centre, and our accredited museum, in new premises, Derbyshire

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Applicant: Wirksworth Heritage Centre

Request: Award grant of £1,338,900 (64%)

Uplift: An uplift of £421,400 (46%) was sought due to an increase in the size of the extension and costs associated with the deterioration of the roof structure and improved accessibility.

Project: A four year project to renovate and convert the Wirksworth Heritage Centre and its museum. Two historic buildings would be repaired and refurbished to provide exhibition space and a shop and a new extension would house a café. Improvements would be made to access and interpretation of the collections and an outreach and activities programme would be delivered. The Committee for the East Midlands awarded a first round pass of £1,037,600 including a development grant of £120,100 (62%) in December 2014. Expert advice was supportive.

The Committee for the East Midlands **AWARDED** a grant of £1,338,900 (64% of total delivery costs).

#### 15. Boston Townscape Heritage project

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Applicant: Boston Borough Council

Request: Award grant of £996,000 (54%)

Project: A four year project to repair and enhance historic buildings in Boston, Lincolnshire. The scheme would focus around the eastern end of the town's Market Place, including properties on

Dolphin Lane and Pump Square. Repairs would be made to external fabric including roofs, brickwork and joinery. Traditional shop fronts would be reinstated and public realm works would be undertaken to a seating area and paving. The Board awarded a first round pass of £1,069,000 including a development grant of £73,000 (83%) in January 2015. Expert advice was supportive.

The Committee for the East Midlands **AWARDED** a grant of £996,000 (54% of total delivery costs).  
**SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Townscape Heritage**

#### **16. Townscape Heritage Overview**

**CEM 2016 (4) 16**

The Committee noted the Overview.

#### **17. Hinckley Townscape Heritage Initiative**

**CEM 2016 (4) 17**

Applicant: Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £737,300 including development grant of £57,500 (90% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To carry out repairs and reinstate architectural features to properties in the historic central core of Hinckley. Works would be carried out to reinstate shop fronts and signage. Public realm works focussed on the upper sections of Church Walk would be undertaken and issues such as street clutter and poor quality paving would be addressed through the scheme. An activities programme would be delivered to engage residents and building owners with heritage.

The Committee for the East Midlands recommended the project to the Townscape Heritage Panel as a **HIGH PRIORITY (2 of 3)** for support.

#### **18. Gainsborough – Lord Street, Townscape Heritage Initiative**

**CEM 2016 (4) 18**

Applicant: West Lindsey District Council

Request: First round pass of £1,201,700 including development grant of £68,600 (75% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To bring underused, vacant buildings within the Gainsborough Town Centre Conservation Area back into full economic use and return vibrancy to the retail area. Repairs would be carried out to 6 high priority Grade II listed buildings and a further 6 non-designated medium priority buildings, as well as a courtyard/public realm area. A programme of activities would be delivered, engaging the wider community.

The Committee for the East Midlands recommended the project to the Townscape Heritage Panel as a **HIGH PRIORITY (3 of 3)** for support.

#### **19. Taking Pride in Mansfield's Town Centre**

**CEM 2016 (4) 19**

Applicant: Mansfield District Council

Request: First round pass of £921,600 including development grant of £72,500 (95% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Five year project to repair, restore and reinstate original features to commercial, privately owned buildings within Mansfield's Market Place Conservation Area. The scheme would address the most urgent repairs and alterations to improve the condition, appearance and maintenance of the buildings. Public realm improvements would be made to a prominent Grade II\* listed memorial in the Market place and heritage-style signage and seating would be introduced.

The Committee for the East Midlands recommended the project to the Townscape Heritage Panel as a **HIGH PRIORITY (1 of 3)** for support.

## **20. Prioritisation of Townscape Heritage items**

**Oral**

During discussion of the cases, all three Townscape Heritage applications were all identified a high priority for support. The Committee considered that the priority order would be as follows:

1. Mansfield
2. Hinckley
3. Gainsborough

## **SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Major Grants**

### **21. Lincoln Cathedral Connected**

**CEM 2016 (4) 21**

Applicant: Lincoln Cathedral

Request: Award grant of £11,456,100 (76%)

Project: To address urgent repairs to Lincoln Cathedral and increase visitor numbers to ensure its long term sustainability. Interpretation of the Cathedral's stories and forgotten symbolism would be improved by introducing guided tours, exhibitions and digital media. A programme of activities would be delivered to encourage new and diverse audiences and to take the Cathedral into communities through outreach and exhibitions. The Board awarded a first round pass of £12,365,800 including a development grant of £909,700 (77%) in April 2015.

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

## **Items for information**

### **22. Communications Report**

**CEM 2016 (4) 22**

Felix Gott, Communications Manager, provided an update on Communications.

### **23. Parks for People Overview**

**CEM 2016 (4) 23**

The Committee noted the overview.

### **24. Corporate Update**

**CEM 2016 (4) 24**

Income had been declining and Management and Trustees were now planning for next financial year. The budget for next year would be more aligned with income with a grants awards budget of around £300m.

The Committee emphasised the importance of small grants, noting that they often had a high level of impact on communities.

### **25. Report on delegated grants**

**CEM 2016 (4) 25**

### **26. Equality Steering Group Annual Report 2016**

**CEM 2016 (4) 26**

The Committee noted the items.

**27. Any other business**

**Oral**

There was none.

**The next meeting would be held on 9 March 2017.**