

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the North East Meeting on 28 November 2017

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Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for the North East held on 28 November 2017 at 10.00 a.m. in the Newcastle Office.

Members:

- Lucy Winskell (Chair)
- Richard Evans
- Niall Hammond
- Stacey Hall
- Richard Morris (Trustee)
- Lynn Turner

Apologies:

- Jim Cokill

Committee Business

1. Welcome

Oral

The Chair welcomed Danielle Hampson and Oliver Dunn from the Secretariat team to the meeting. Introductions took place around the table. She welcomed Richard Morris back to the Committee after he had missed the last meeting with a broken ankle.

Apologies had been received from Jim Cokill.

2. Chair's report

Oral

The Chair updated the Committee on her activities since the last meeting:

- She had attended the meeting of Regional and Country Chairs in the London office in October and a SF5 consultation in Leeds.
- She had attended the successful openings of the Hatton Gallery, Charge! At Tyne and Wear Museums and Sunderland Fire Station.

3. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Lynn Turner declared an interest in item 16, Kielderhead Wildwood. Kielder Water & Forest Park Development Trust (KWFPDT), of which she was Director worked closely with Northumberland Wildlife Trust and the beneficiary area of the scheme was Kielder.

She also declared an interest in item 18, Revitalising Redesdale. She had been involved in the development phase of this project and KWFPDT was delivering one of the projects within the bid.

Stacy Hall mentioned that the under item 17 (Kirkleatham Walled Garden Horticultural Restoration Project), the applicant was a former client but that she has had no involvement or connection to this project. The Committee were content that this did not constitute a conflict of interests.

Lucy Winskell mentioned that the Percy Hedley Foundation had paid £2,400 in professional fees to her employer, Northumbria University. The Committee were content that this did not constitute a conflict of interests.

4. Minutes of last meeting on 12 September 2017

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

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

6. North East Regional Overview

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Ivor Crowther, Head of Region, introduced the report, highlighting:

- The rapid rejection process had been reintroduced for first round projects which did not meet the programme criteria and were clearly unsupportable. These decisions would be delegated to the Director and Deputy Director of Operations. The Old Brewery case (item 11) had been through this process and therefore had been removed from the agenda.

7. North East Budget

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Two first round Heritage Grants and three second round cases had been received. There was sufficient budget to fund all cases, however officers encouraged the Committee to consider value for money and ensure scrutiny of all cases.

Update on income

Anne Jenkins updated the Committee on recent Board discussions. In light of income changes, HLF would need to take a more prudent view of spending and commitments. The Board had considered a range of options at its November meeting.

The Board had set a priority of protecting existing investment whilst still allowing for fresh investment and distributed spend. When making decisions, project quality would be a key consideration and a budget would be set below income for the coming years. The Board had decided to introduce a change in delegation for Committees to £1m in 2018 and to set budgets for second round at Committee and Board with an emphasis on increased competition. There would be a moratorium in grant giving during 2018-19 in advance of the new Funding Framework including no new grants under the targeted programmes. Committee budgets would be trimmed by 10%. The implication was a 240k reduction for the Committee for the North East, leaving £1.488 million for the year.

Overall, the Committee were supportive of the approach.

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

8. Parks for People Overview

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The Committee noted the Overview.

9. Restoration of North Marine Park, South Shields; PP-15-03734

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Applicant: South Tyneside Council

Request: Award grant of £2,396,700 (75%)

Project: Five year project to restore North Marine Park, increase usage and reconnect the local community with the park's heritage. It would reinstate the promenade terraces and the Grand Staircase, as well as part reconstruct the historic grotto using stone remaining on site and taken from the original quarry. An annual events and activities programme would include: exhibitions and

talks; family fun days; Bowling Club open days; community archaeology; and 'pay and play' programmes.

The Big Lottery Fund representative considered that the project represented a medium priority for support.

The Committee for the North East recommended the project to the Parks for People panel as a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

Grants for Places of Worship

10. Applications for Places of Worship in the North East

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In the North East, three first round applications with a grant request of £524,400 were received against a regional budget of £208,800. At the initial sift, Historic England advice was that in one case the repair works were not as urgently required as the others in the batch and so this application was not taken forward for full assessment. The remaining two cases underwent full assessment (10a and b).

The Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision	Project Reference
10a.	St. Helen's Church - Phase 2 fabric conservation project	St. Helen's Church Kelloe	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £235,600 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £22,300 (65% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-17-02093
10b.	St Chads – Securing the roof and opening the doors	St Chads Church Bensham	REJECT	GP-17-03051
10c.	External stonework repair project for St James's United Reformed Church	St James's United Reformed Church, Northumberland Road, Newcastle	REJECT	GP-16-08955

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

11. Item Withdrawn

12. Heritage for All; HG-17-03414

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Applicant: The Percy Hedley Foundation

Request: First round pass of £483,000, including development grant of £44,700 (95% of total eligible development costs)

Project: This project would engage 60 people with severe disabilities and 200 staff from at least five National Trust properties in the North East to improve inclusion and engagement opportunities with disabled audiences. Two cohorts of 30 participating disabled people would choose a site and engage with its heritage through tours, talks and handling sessions.

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

13. Restoration of an early 20th Century Pipe Organ to create a community music outreach project; HG-16-06450

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Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Andrew's Church, Corbridge

Request: First round pass of £189,900, including development grant of £3,100 (30% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Four year project to restore an early 20th Century pipe organ located in St Andrew's Saxon church, Corbridge. A Musical and Heritage Outreach Officer would co-ordinate a range of musical and heritage led activities, liaising with community groups to create a programme of outreach activities, focus weekends, festivals and concerts that would be delivered alongside the organ restoration.

The Committee for the North East agreed the application represented a low priority for support and **REJECTED** the application due to concerns raised.

14. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

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

- Restoration of an early 20th Century Pipe Organ (item 13) represented a low priority for support
- Heritage for All (item 12) should be rejected.

Both cases were rejected in light of concerns raised.

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

15. Room to Grow - 21st Century Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum; HG-15-04057

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Grantee: Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum

Request: Grant of £800,000 (48%)

Uplift: N/A

Project: Two year project, in partnership with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, to create significant new facilities for the Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum. A new build would extend the museum's exhibition area, increase retail capacity and incorporate a flexible education suite. A one year Activity Plan would deliver temporary exhibitions, live performances and events, with an emphasis on reaching family audiences and building repeat visitors.

The Committee for the North East had awarded a first round pass of £832,400 including a development grant of £32,400 (90%) in March 2016.

The Committee for the North East **AWARDED** a grant of £800,000 (48%).

16. Kielderhead Wildwood; HG-15-05099

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Lynn Turner declared an interest and left the room before discussion commenced.

Grantee: Northumberland Wildlife Trust Ltd

Request: Grant of £354,400 (61%)

Uplift: A small uplift of £6,600 (2%) was sought due to increased project costs.

Project: Five year project to restore native low-density woodland on Forestry Commission land at Kielderhead to create a more complete upland ecosystem. Volunteers would propagate and plant around 27,000 native species and build a dry stone wall curriek to provide a viewpoint and shelter for the public. An annual programme of volunteer training would include workshops in tree cultivation, planting and care, ecological monitoring, archaeological awareness and health and safety.

The Committee for the North East had awarded a first round pass of £368,500 including a development grant of £20,700 (53% of eligible development costs) in December 2016.

The Committee for the North East **AWARDED** a grant of £354,400 (61%).

17. Kirkleatham Walled Garden Horticultural Restoration Project; HG-16-06310

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Grantee: Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council

Request: Grant of £559,600 (50%)

Uplift: N/A

Project: Three year project to restore the walled garden within the Kirkleatham Estate. The scheme was a central part of a wider project that would see the establishment of a new catering academy and restaurant on the site, providing new training facilities and a visitor attraction. The restoration and re-build of the former bothies would house a pop-up museum, a home for promoting the full calendar of heritage and other events in the garden, and a centre for demonstrating horticulture and other themed skills.

The Committee for the North East had awarded a first round pass of £578,600 including a development grant of £19,000 (54% of eligible development costs) in March 2017.

The Committee for the North East **AWARDED** a grant of £559,600 (50%).

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Landscape Partnership

18. Revitalising Redesdale; LP-14-07780

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Lynn Turner declared an interest and left the room before discussion commenced.

Grantee: Natural England Northumbria Team

Request: Grant of £1,728,400 (54%)

Project: Five year scheme to develop a stronger sustainable environment, celebrate Redesdale's historic and cultural heritage, and build future community resilience in this remote upland, frontier landscape. The project would deliver a comprehensive management plan for the River Rede improving riverbank erosion and introduce five hectares of new riparian woodland and ten hectares of wetland. The scheme would tell the frontier story and raise awareness of Redesdale's heritage through accessible interpretation.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £1,844,100 including a development grant of £115,700 (72% of eligible development costs) in September 2015.

The Committee for the North East **AWARDED** a grant of £1,728,400 (54%).

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

19. Belsay Awakes; HG-17-02288

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Applicant: English Heritage

Request: First round pass of £2,077,600 including development grant of £192,500 (59%)

Project: To rejuvenate the landscape at Belsay Hall, Castle and Gardens, bringing a proportion of the estate back into use and vastly improving the visitor offer, engaging new, diverse visitors. The project would restore the formal gardens to enhance and restore biodiversity and historic views, alongside general repairs to the castle area and Belsay Hall. Interpretation activities and resources would be provided, including volunteer and self-led tours, guided horticultural and wildlife walks, public events, orientation leaflets and guidebooks.

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

20. Item Withdrawn

Papers for information

21. Corporate Update

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22. Minutes from the meeting of the Regional and Country Chairs on 10 October 2017

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23. Communications Report

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24. Overview of Single Round Grants and Delegated Decision Making

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25. Annual Report on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

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The Committee noted the items.

26. Any other business

Oral

The next meeting would be held on 6 March 2018.