

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the North East Meeting on 11 September 2018

CNE 2018 (3)

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the North East held on 11 September 2018 at 10a.m. at the Newcastle Office, St Nicholas Building, St Nicholas Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1RF

Members:

- Lucy Winskell (Chair)
- Jim Cokill
- Richard Evans
- Niall Hammond
- David Stocker (Trustee)
- Lynn Turner

Apologies:

- Stacy Hall

Committee Business

1. Welcome and apologies

Oral

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

Apologies were received from Stacy Hall.

2. Declarations of Interest

Oral

The following interest was declared and was deemed conflicting. The member did not remain present for the discussions;

- **Item 13 – Naturally Native** – Jim Cokill - Naturally Native is a Durham Wildlife Trust project and as a DWT employee Jim had a conflict of interest.

The following interest was declared and was not deemed conflicting. The member remained present for the discussions;

- **Item 13 – Naturally Native** – Lynn Turner – One of the partners is Northumberland Wildlife Trust who Lynn's employer organisation worked with closely but she had no involvement in or connection to the project.

3. Chair's report

Oral

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

- Attended the launch of the Spanish City.
- Attended Great Exhibition of the North launch and various other associated events with some other members in attendance too.

4. Minutes of last meeting on 12 June 2018

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

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

6. Corporate Update

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Anne Jenkins presented the report and brought key points to the Committees attention.

The Committee discussed how the new regional structure would support grant giving by enabling strong local relationships to remain in place. The quality of decision making within new regions was also discussed and members were keen to ensure HLF maintained a good level of local knowledge in teams as the England regional structure was reconsidered.

7. North East Regional Overview

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The Chair noted Richard had been reappointed to a serve second term with the North East Committee.

Ivor Crowther, Head of Region, introduced the report and highlighted key points.

8. North East Budget

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Ivor Crowther introduced the report and provided the Committee with an overview of key details. The Committee noted the report and details of the upcoming pipeline.

Two second round HG cases totalling £670,136 and one second round GPOW case totalling £103,300 had been received and the Committee noted that prioritisation would be required.

Four Heritage Grants (HG) first round cases totalling £1,729,500 had been received against a budget of £947,850 giving a success rate of 54.80%. The Committee noted that prioritisation would be required.

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision

9. Tees Operation Hogweed (TOPHOG); HG-16-03708

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Grantee: Tees Rivers Trust

Request: Award grant of £384,500 (56%)

Project: A five year project to restore, promote and celebrate the natural and historic heritage of the banks of the River Tees. Plans would facilitate a strategic and coordinated approach through the engagement of volunteers, Local Authorities and waterway users to eradicate giant hogweed along the Tees catchment area. Volunteers would be recruited to form Local Action Groups, utilising community groups and angling clubs along the river. Training would be delivered in identification and chemical control of Giant hogweed. On-going recording of Giant hogweed occurrence and any native species re-emergence would be undertaken by the Local Action Groups and reported to the Environment Agency.

The Committee for North East awarded a first round pass of £432,200 including a development grant of £37,700 (77% of total eligible development costs) in March 2017.

The Committee for North East agreed the application was a **HIGH** priority and **AWARDED** a grant of £384,500 (56%).

10. OOT- The Out of Town Museum; HG-16-05529

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Grantee: Bailiffgate Museum and Gallery

Request: Award grant of £285,600 (71%)

Uplift: £100 (0%)

Project: A 3.5 year project to contribute to the wider aim of establishing an Out Of Town (OOT) museum with interpreted collections that would celebrate rural heritage and present it to the wider public. 'Walkshops' and 'step back in time' events would be delivered, traveling to eight rural communities to engage with them and collect stories, objects and information that would become part of the Museum's digital archive. Outreach activities would include the identification of 'community champions' who would be supported to act as a point of contact for the museum and as a link to the wider community. An Interpretation Consultant, Project Development Consultant and a part time Project Manager would be appointed to deliver the project. An exhibition would be hosted at the museum and then be displayed on tour at a range of rural venues.

The Committee for North East awarded a first round pass of £311,800 including a development grant of £26,300 (69% of eligible development costs) in September 2017.

The Committee for North East agreed the application was a **HIGH** priority and **AWARDED** a grant of £285,600 (71%).

11. To Preserve and conserve the Church Building of St Andrews; GP-16-05351

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Grantee: St Andrews Church, Dalton Le Dale

Request: Award Grant of £103,300 (58%)

Uplift: £12,100 (13%)

Project: To preserve and repair structural elements of the Grade II* Listed Anglican Church. The project would allow the Church, currently on the Heritage At Risk Register, to remain open to the public and its congregation and enhance the visitor experience whilst restoring and protecting original features.

The Committee for North East awarded a first round pass of £101,900 including a development grant of £10,700 (73% of eligible development costs) in March 2017.

The Committee for North East agreed the application was a **HIGH (3 of 3)** priority and **AWARDED** a grant of £103,300 (58%).

12. Prioritisation of second round items

Oral

The Committee were satisfied with the priorities given in case by case discussions and made no amends.

The Committee agreed to award grants to all three second round applications.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision

Jim Cokill was not present for the discussion of item 13, Naturally Native HG-18-01091 due to a conflict of interest.

13. Naturally Native; HG-18-01091

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Applicant: Durham Wildlife Trust

Request: First round pass of £600,700, including development grant of £93,300 (88% of total eligible development costs).

Project: To increase the region's water vole population and save it from extinction through the implementation of a mink removal programme. The project would also tackle habitat fragmentation, a second major cause of declining numbers. A model for reversing the harm done to ecosystems by non-native species would be introduced to restore and protect this natural heritage for future generations.

The Committee for North East agreed the application represented a **HIGH** priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £600,700 including development grant of £93,300 (88% of eligible development costs).

14. Tynesiders; HG-18-01813

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Applicant: Headliners UK

Request: First Round Pass of £508,800, including development grant of £49,900 (95% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To work with young people from BAME communities in South Tyneside and Newcastle to provide improved opportunities for skills development and to engage in heritage-focused activities. The project will uncover the communities' unique stories, sharing the story of Tyneside's heritage and how it was shaped by immigration and migration. New community relationships will be fostered and a digital archive created which will enable sharing with a wider audience including opportunities within the cityscape such as on public transport and in public spaces and museums.

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

15. East Cleveland Cliffs Heritage Ambassadors; HG-17-08673

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Applicant: Groundwork North East (Middlesbrough)

Request: First round pass of £282,400, including development grant of £44,800 (88% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To safeguard and enhance the understanding of the heritage along the East Cleveland coastline by investing in community engagement and volunteer development. The project would develop a long term Heritage Management Strategy to steer management and maintenance work, develop and encourage training opportunities in heritage related skills and promote the heritage of the area to visitors and residents alike. A unique Jurassic age geology would be protected and explored through survey work completed with volunteers to underpin the Management Strategy and archaeological explorations. The project would also enable coastal access and habitat improvements.

The Committee for North East agreed the application should be **REJECTED** due to the concerns raised.

16. Windows to the World: St Mary's Church, Barnard Castle; HG-17-04511

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Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Barnard Castle with Whorlton

Request: First Round Pass of £337,600, including development grant of £17,100 (54% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To complete urgent structural works, including restoration and preservation, to the Grade I Listed Church whilst diversifying and increasing the audience who engage with it. The project would enable improvements to the visitor experience, both physically and online, through refreshed interpretation and signage. It would provide the opportunity to establish St Mary's as a new heritage destination and historical resource, sustain the Church for future generations and provide education and volunteering opportunities.

The Committee for North East agreed the application represented a **HIGH** priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £337,600, including development grant of £17,100 (54% of total eligible development costs).

17. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

Jim Cokill left the room for prioritisation due to a conflict of interest previously declared.

The Committee were satisfied with the priorities given in case by case discussions and made no amends.

The Committee agreed that the projects voted low priority and reject would be rejected due to the concerns raised. These were;

- Tynesiders; HG-18-01813
- East Cleveland Cliffs Heritage Ambassadors; HG-17-08673

The Committee agreed that both high priority projects would be awarded a first round pass including development grants. These were;

- Naturally Native; HG-18-01091
- Windows to the World: St Mary's Church, Barnard Castle; HG-17-04511

SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

18. St Mary's Lighthouse and Visitor Centre; HG-15-07433

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Grantee: North Tyneside Council

Request: Award grant of £2,073,300 (69%)

Project: a three-year project to restore St Mary's Lighthouse, improve its visitor offer and interpretation and provide a range of activities to engage new and existing visitors with the heritage of the site. A new part-time Education Officer would be recruited for a two-year post to assist in the delivery of an extended learning programme. A bespoke education programme would be developed and supported by online resources. A volunteer scheme would be established and would include a range of training opportunities.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £2,249,600 including a development grant of £164,300 (90% of total eligible development costs) in May 2016.

The Committee for North East recommended the project to the Board as a **LOW** priority for support.

19. Hadrian's Wall Community Archaeology Project; HG-16-08924

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Grantee: Newcastle University

Request: Award grant of £1,171,100 (61%)

Project: A three-year cross territory community archaeology project to mobilise, train and enable a network of volunteers to support increased understanding and community engagement with the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site (WHS). The project would intervene at 26 sites designated Heritage At Risk (HAR) to manage and protect the site whilst qualifying and quantifying aspects of the Walls history over the past 1500 years through Stone Sourcing and Dispersal (SSD).

The Board awarded a first round pass of £1,303,600 including a development grant of £130,300 (86% of eligible development costs) in June 2017.

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

20. Prioritisation of second round items

Oral

The Committee were satisfied with the priorities given in case by case discussions and made no amends.

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

21. Restoration and re-use of 172/3 & 174/5 High St West Sunderland; HE-17-06151

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Applicant: Tyne and Wear Building Preservation Trust

Request: First Round Pass of £1,652,200, including Development Grant of £54,100 (57% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To address the poor condition of two dilapidated buildings, part of a partially Grade II Listed terrace, whilst offering opportunities for skills development. The buildings would be restored and brought back into public use as creative spaces, residential space, artists' studios, exhibition and venue space. The project would allow the creation of a training programme with Sunderland College, and the restoration would form a central part of the Heritage Action Zone, supporting the Sunderland Great Place Scheme. Training opportunities for electricians, plumbers, plasters and joiners would be created. Heritage would be shared through archive creation and maintenance and learning events including talks, tours and workshops.

The Committee for North East recommended the project to the Board as a **LOW** priority for support.

Papers for information

22. Communications Report

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The Committee noted the report.

23. Any other business

Oral

Committee member appraisals were ongoing and all would be complete before the end of the financial year.

The Committee noted the number of cases for discussion at the Committee meeting in November and that there would be a number of possible project visits coming up.

The next meeting will be held on 27 November 2018.