

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the North East Meeting on 12 June 2018

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Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for North East held on 12 June 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the North East Office, St Nicholas Building, St Nicholas Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1RF.

Members:

- Lucy Winskell (Chair)
- Jim Cokill
- Niall Hammond
- Stacy Hall
- David Stocker (Trustee)
- Lynn Turner

Apologies:

- Richard Evans

Committee Business

1. Welcome

Oral

The Chair welcomed David Stocker, the new Trustee member of the Committee for the North East and introductions were made around the table.

2. Chair's report

Oral

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

- Sir Peter Luff opened the Wooden Underworld Gallery at Vindolanda with the Chair and Head of HLF NE, it was a very impressive project and which had a great team.
- Had attended the Regional and Country Chairs meeting which focussed on the developments for the new strategic funding framework and minutes were at item 27 for reference.
- Attended a dinner at Newcastle Cathedral who were currently working very closely with stakeholders.

The Chair extended her thanks to Committee members for their attendance at project visits with the team.

3. Declarations of Interest

Oral

There were none.

4. Minutes of last meeting on 6 March 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

The Chair announced that Niall Hammond had agreed to an extended term on the Committee to March 2020. This was to enable support and continuity and also to maintain expertise through the transition year 2018-19 whilst there was a pause on Committee recruitment. Stacey Hall had also been approached to extend her term to March 2020 for the same reasons and would confirm in due course if she was able to.

6. Corporate Update

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Anne Jenkins presented an overview of HLF's new strategic funding framework and corporate strategy.

There would be a number of staff briefings delivered from late June to early August which Committee members were welcome to join.

7. Number North East Regional Overview

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

- Staffing arrangements in the local team
- The Great Exhibition of the North would be launching on 22 June.

The Committee for the North East noted that competition at recent Board meetings had been strong and that a number of awards had been made by the Board at its last meeting.

The Committee also noted that per-capita spend for the North East region was £156 on average for the period 1 April 1994 to 31 March 2017. This was above the current UK average of £119 average per capita.

Thanks were extended to those members who had been able to attend some project visits over the last quarter.

8. North East Budget

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Ivor Crowther introduced the report and provided the Committee with an overview and background of the current situation and recent changes including;

Five first round Heritage Grants had been received with a total request of £2,686,400 against a budget of £633,333 giving a success rate of 24%. The Committee noted that prioritisation would be needed.

One second round Heritage Grant application had been received with a total request of £677,600.

9. Team Operating Plan 2018-2019

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Ivor Crowther introduced the report which presented key deliverables for the team against the corporate objectives for 2018-19. The Committee noted the report and that it took into consideration the transition year pending the launch of the new SFF.

10. Annual review of 2017-2018

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Ivor Crowther introduced the report, noting that the report was prepared annually for presentation to the Committee in June. The report set out the teams work and key achievements from the past 12 months.

Thanks were extended to the team for their continued work to assess and develop all applications and congratulations given for exceeding targets and on the quality of the work.

SF4 Second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

11. Restore and open Cresswell's Pele Tower including community archive and archaeology projects; HG-16-00531

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Grantee: Cresswell Parish Council

Request: Award Grant of £677,600 (88%)

Uplift: £300

Project: A two-year project to restore 15th Century Grade II* listed Cresswell Pele Tower. Capital works would be undertaken and interpretation introduced to the building along with public access. A programme of volunteer and community activity would be delivered to engage people with its heritage.

The Committee for North East awarded a first round pass of £770,500 including development grant of £93,200 (78% of total eligible development costs) in September 2016.

The Committee for North East **AWARDED** a grant of £677,600 (88%) including uplift of £300.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

12. Structural repairs to the Cawledge viaduct on the Aln Valley Railway; HG-17-03943

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Grantee: Aln Valley Railway

Request: First Round Pass of £558,200, including Development Grant of £10,000

Project: To restore the viaduct which would support the principal aim of the applicant to reopen the Aln Valley Railway as a tourist and visitor attraction. Built in 1850 the project would allow significant repairs to the structure to allow safe transit and that it remained in good condition for future generations. The project would also explore and engage local communities and visitors with the heritage of the viaduct and enable the development of engineering and conservation skills programmes.

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

13. Wor Divorsity -Speaking of Heritage, What's Yours?; HG-17-05597

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Grantee: Workers Education Association (North East)

Request: First Round Pass of £479,400, including Development Grant of £48,200

Project: To bring together skills and expertise to investigate a deeper understanding of the history that underpins local and regional communities. The project would enable the recording, interpretation and sharing of the histories and encourage engagement with a wide cross section of the community to build understanding of local heritage.

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

14. Reusing our Colliery Heritage to create a new community facility; HG-17-04325

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Grantee: Easington Colliery Band

Request: First Round Pass of £217,600 including Development Grant of £20,800 (57%)

Project: To renovate and restore the remaining building of the Easington Colliery, therefore protecting its heritage and ensuring it was saved for the future. The restored space would provide a new rehearsal space for the applicant and support wider work to interpret and explain the heritage of the colliery to a new generation of local residents and visitors to the area.

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

15. Former St. Columba Southwick Restore: Vision for Heritage Centre and Community Hub; HG-17-02687

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Grantee: Sunderland Chapel of Light International Charity number 1134921

Request: First Round Pass of £655,600, including Development Grant of £72,200

Project: To repair and restore the Grade II listed Church through structural repairs and improvements to visitor facilities. The project would allow the community spaces to be improved and refurbished and a heritage learning and community hub to be developed which would enable training and volunteering opportunities, a wider range of community programmes to be delivered and for the heritage of the church and community to be shared with a wider audience.

The Committee for North East agreed the project represented a **LOW** priority for support and rejected the application.

16. Crook Community Heritage; HG-17-04926

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Grantee: Crook Community Leisure

Request: First Round Pass of £763,600, including Development Grant of £63,000 (52%)

Project: To recognise the importance that industry, employment and welfare/leisure has played in the development of the town since it was founded in 1795. The project would explore the heritage of the town and bring it together to enhance knowledge and understanding of the local area and enable memories to be shared in a permanent oral and visual display. It would also allow the establishment of a function hall, catering facilities and café/bar area to increase the visitor offer and provide future sustainability.

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

17. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

The Committee were satisfied with the priorities given in the case by case discussions.

SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

18. Otterburn Hall Renovation and Refurbishment; HE-15-08101

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Grantee: Otterburn Hall CIC

Request: Award Grant of £1,831,000 (54%)

Project: A two year project to repair and restore the Grade II Listed Otterburn Hall, reinstating it as a small hotel. A range of survey works and urgent repairs would be undertaken to make the Hall weather tight. Repair works to the building's exterior, interior works and some new build to modernise facilities would take place and disabled access would be improved. The applicant would

become a registered training provider, partnering with existing training and educational providers to offer on-site.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £1,994,300 including a development grant of £163,300 (81% of eligible development costs) in July 2016.

The Committee for North East recommended the project to the Board for **REJECTION**.

19. Revitalisation of the Mining Institute and creation of the Common Room of the Great North Item Number; HG-16-00787

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Grantee: North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers

Request: Award Grant of £4,100,000 (55%)

Project: To conserve and make accessible the building and collections of the NEIMME. To establish a living heritage resource in the centre of Newcastle focussing on the industrial and engineering past of the region, the UK and the world and to make this relevant to today.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £4,700,000 including a development grant of £600,000 (78% of eligible development costs) in January 2017.

The Committee for North East recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH** (1 of 2) priority for support.

20. Bishopwearmouth Townscape Heritage; TH-16-03580

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Grantee: Sunderland City Council

Request: Award Grant of £1,907,200 (77%)

Project: A five-year project to re-establish the area's historic features, raise the profile of Bishopwearmouth's historic value and underpin the area's evolving cultural scene and new economic direction. The fabric of late Victorian and early Edwardian buildings will be restored in the northern half of Bishopwearmouth Conservation Area.

The Townscape Heritage Delegated Decision Panel awarded a first round pass of £1,907,200 including a development grant of £70,100 (90% of eligible development costs) in January 2017.

The Committee for North East recommended the project to the Board as a **HIGH** (2 of 2) priority for support.

21. Prioritisation of second round items

Oral

Committee were satisfied with the priorities awarded in the case by case discussions and further discussed the HIGH priority projects in order to prioritise them for recommendation to the Board.

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

22. Durham History Centre; HG-17-01277

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Applicant: Durham County Council

Request: First Round Pass of £3,993,900, including Development Grant of £76,800 (27%)

Project: To bring together the content of Durham County Council's Record Office, HER and local studies resources with DLI collections, at the same time bringing the Grade II listed St Oswald manor house into sustainable use. The project would allow digital interpretation of the collections, allowing it to be accessed by a much wider audience and reconnecting people with their heritage. The project would also allow the manor house to be extended to provide enhanced visitor services, archive storage, exhibition spaces and volunteering and training opportunities.

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

23. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

The Committee were content with priority awarded in the case discussion and retained a high priority recommendation to the Board for Durham History Centre.

Items for information

24. Communications Report

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The Committee noted the report.

25. Business Plan 2018-2019

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The Committee noted the report.

26. Parks for People Overview Paper

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The Committee noted the report.

27. Minutes from Country and Regional Chairs on 1 May 2018

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The Committee noted the report.

28. Committee appraisals

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The Committee noted the report and that appraisal meetings would be arranged throughout the year once an approach had been agreed with the Chair.

29. Any other business

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There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 11 September 2018.