

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the North West Meeting on 8 September 2015

CNW 2015 (3)

Summary minutes of the meeting held on 8 September at 9.30 a.m. in the Manchester office.

Members Tiffany Hunt (Chair)
 Jim Dixon (Trustee)
 Steve Garland
 Aileen McEvoy
 Ivan Wadeson
 Humphrey Welfare

Apologies Bill Maynard

1. Welcomes and apologies **Oral**

Tiffany Hunt, Chair of the Committee for the North West, welcomed Jim Dixon to the meeting. He would be replacing Virginia Tandy as the Committee's Trustee representative.

Bill Maynard had sent apologies to the meeting due to illness.

The Chair noted that meetings in Manchester would commence at 9.45 a.m. in the future.

2. Chair's Report **Oral**

Tiffany Hunt, Sara Hilton and Eilish McGuinness had accompanied Sir Peter Luff, the new NHMF Chair, on his visit to the region. Feedback had been very positive.

Tiffany had attended the successful launch of the Lion Salt Works.

3. Minutes from the meeting held on 2 June 2015 **CNW 2015 (3) 3**

The minutes were approved and signed as an accurate record of the meeting by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes **Oral**

There were none.

5. North West Overview **CNW 2015 (3) 5**

Sara Hilton, Head of HLF North West, presented the Overview.

Sir Peter Luff had visited the region and attended a number of project visits and meetings. A stakeholder dinner had been a success with much discussion about issues affecting the heritage sector.

Sara reported that Keswick Museum and Art Gallery had been awarded Small Visitor Attraction of the Year 2015 at the Cumbria Tourism Awards. 'Improving futures', a partnership between the Imperial War Museum North, Manchester Museum and Museum of Science and Industry was a finalist in the Spirit of Manchester awards and Cherish Eden had been named a finalist in the National Apprenticeship Awards.

Marton Mere

The Committee approved a grant decrease of £73,000 to make a total grant of £255,800 and a change in grant percentage from 83% to 67%.

6. North West Budget

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Three second round applications had been received. There was sufficient budget to support all three applications were they to meet the quality threshold.

Eight first round applications had been received totalling £9,632,200 against a budget of £2,617,334. The Committee would need to prioritise the applications as there was not sufficient budget to support all applications. Due to the low request for funds on the pipeline for November, there was potential to overspend.

7. Declarations of interest

Oral

Ivan Wadeson mentioned that the Lancashire Arts Partners had provided a letter of support for item 12, Priory Churchyard – Then and Now. He also noted that The Duke's received annual funding from Lancashire County Council, the applicant for the project. The Committee considered that neither represented a conflict of interests.

Aileen McEvoy mentioned that The Lakes International Comic Art Festival, with whom she was currently working, would be holding a festival at Kendal Museum. The Museum was managed by Kendal College who were a major funder of the festival. The Committee considered that this did not represent a conflict of interests.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision

- **Heritage Grants**

8. Working Woods – Wythenshawe; HG-13-05478

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The Community Forest Trust, in partnership with Groundwork Manchester, Salford, Stockport, Tameside & Trafford, and Manchester City Council, sought a first round pass of £865,800 including a development grant of £112,900 (86%) for a four year project to regenerate and safeguard 12 small woodlands in Wythenshawe to become assets for the local community. The scheme would work with local communities, social housing providers and other stakeholders to deliver training opportunities and engage with 1,720 volunteers to manage the woodlands. Physical works would be undertaken including litter picking, restocking the woodlands with native species and general maintenance work.

The Committee felt that the project represented medium priority for support and rejected the application in light of the available budget.

9. Redevelopment of former fire station to create a museum, community facility and education centre; HG-14-08290

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Greater Manchester Fire Service Museum Trust sought a first round pass of £1,870,900 including a development grant of £125,300 (83%) to develop an enhanced fire service museum offer within the old Rochdale Fire Station building. The project would acquire the former Rochdale Fire Station and sympathetically repair and restore the building's exterior. The ground floor and mezzanine would be developed as museum display space and a new reception, café and retail space would be created along with lift access and visitor services. Volunteering opportunities would be provided with roles covering visitor assistance, learning delivery and collections care.

The Committee for the North West rejected the application.

10. Lytham Promenade Mussel Tank Improvement; HG-13-09370 CNW 2015 (3) 10

Lytham St. Anne's Civic Society sought a first round pass of £150,000 including a development grant of £3,700 (37%) to transform the site of a disused mussel cleansing tank on the Lytham coastline into a public area for art and interpretation. The five year project would create a central point to link together the natural heritage of the Ribble Estuary and the built heritage of the Victorian bathing resort. Public seating areas and a viewing platform would be created and access would be improved through slopes and new lighting.

The Committee for the North West rejected the application.

11. Cabinet of Curiosities: Taking the Victorian Collection into the 21st Century; HG-14-06322 CNW 2015 (3) 11

Kendal Museum sought a first round pass of £1,884,600 including a development grant of £134,000 (88%) for a project to redevelop Kendal Museum. Museum facilities would be improved with the creation of a new entrance to house a reception area, café and shop. Physical access would be enhanced through the introduction of lifts and new interpretation would be provided. A programme of learning opportunities would be delivered including apprenticeships, A level courses and work placements.

The Committee for the North West rejected the application.

12. Priory Churchyard Then and Now; HG-14-07995 CNW 2015 (3) 12

Lancashire County Council sought a first round pass of £893,400 including a development grant of £22,800 (95%) for a 19 month project to restore the Lancaster Priory churchyard and its monuments to return it to a performance and key urban green space. The restored churchyard would link the heritage on Castle Hill with the city centre and support the city's aim to a heritage visitor destination. The scheme would engage the community with the heritage of the space through a programme of learning and engagement activities and skills training opportunities.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented medium priority for support and rejected the application in light of the available budget.

13. Walton Estate: Cultivating Heritage, Skills and Enterprise; HG-14-09750 CNW 2015 (3) 13

Warrington Borough Council sought a first round pass including development funding for a project focused on the restoration and re-use of a historic cluster of buildings within Walton Hall Estate: the shippon (animal stalls) and a range of grade II listed glasshouses. The scheme would provide these buildings with a future as a hub for learning and training and increase engagement in the park's heritage.

This was a resubmission of an application rejected by the Board in November 2014 in light of the available budget.

The Committee considered that the scheme represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £1,990,200 including a development grant of £122,700 (43% of total eligible development costs).

14. Spodden Valley Revealed; HG-15-00735 CNW 2015 (3) 14

Mid Pennine Arts sought a first round pass including development funding to create a trail of up to ten sites of heritage interest, exploring the heritage of the Spodden Valley. Minor landscape and access improvement works would create a fully accessible Greenway Ecomuseum linear heritage

trail, connecting with existing cycle networks. Three archaeological digs would be undertaken, engaging with the local community and volunteers would learn about heritage and develop ideas for interpretation around the sites.

The application was a resubmission of a project rejected by the Committee in September 2013 in light of the available budget.

The Committee considered that the scheme represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £294,800 including a development grant of £48,300 (73% of total eligible development costs).

15. Up Another Gear for the British Commercial Vehicle Museum; HG-15-00954
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The British Commercial Vehicle Museum Trust sought a first round pass including development funding for a project to refurbish the Museum building and reinterpret and redisplay its collections, charting the story of the development of British commercial vehicles since the 1900s. The scheme would create improved visitor facilities including shop and toilets and create a multi-purpose space suitable for dining and activities, equipped with a café-bar and projection area. A volunteering and activity programme would also be delivered.

This was a resubmission of an application rejected by the Committee in December 2014 in light of the available budget.

The Committee considered that the scheme represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £1,682,500 including a development grant of £94,500 (87% of total eligible development costs).

16. Prioritisation of first round cases **Oral**

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

- *Walton Estate (item 13), Spodden Valley Revealed (item 14) and Up Another Gear for the British Commercial Vehicle Museum (item 15)* represented high priority for support
- *Working Woods – Wythenshawe (item 8) and Priory Churchyard – Then and Now (item 12)* represented medium priority for support
- *Redevelopment of former fire station (item 9), Lytham Promenade Mussel Tank Improvement Project (item 10) and Cabinet of Curiosities (item 11)* should be rejected as recommended.

The medium priority cases were also rejected in light of the available budget.

The Committee felt that the three high priority items all merited support and awarded first round passes to *Walton Estate (item 13), Spodden Valley Revealed (item 14) and Up Another Gear for the British Commercial Vehicle Museum (item 15)*.

- **Grants for Places of Worship**

17. GPOW Overview and Applications **CNW 2015 (3) 17**

In the North West eight first-round applications with a grant request of £1,466,600 were received against the regional budget of £809,701. At the initial sift, Historic England advice indicated that three applications appeared less urgent than others in the batch and these cases were not taken forward for further assessment. For the remaining cases, Historic England provided detailed technical advice to establish the urgency of the repair works and HLF assessment also looked at how well the applications met outcomes for communities and the two factors were used to arrive at an overall priority for the batch.

One second-round application was received with an uplift request above the delegated authority threshold which would require a Committee decision.

The Committee took the following decisions:

Second round				
17a.	St John the Baptist Church, Mossley	St John the Baptist Church, Roughtown Tameside	AWARD GRANT OF £178,200 (73%)	GP-13-06258
First round				
17b.	Urgent Roof and Stonework Repairs to "Liverpool's Noblest Victorian Church"	St Agnes with St. Pancras Church, Liverpool	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £197,800 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £17,300 (67% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-15-00285
17c.	Raise the Roof and Open the Door	Holy Trinity Church, Bolton-le-Sands	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £225,300 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £10,800 (45% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-14-06507
17d.	Urgent Death Watch beetle eradication and timber repairs to ceilings/floors	St Michael & All Angels Church, Croston	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £234,100 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £32,200 (94% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-15-01077
17e.	Repairs to roof of South Aisle and to the South of the Nave	Church of St Margaret of Antioch and St Chad, Oldham	REJECT	GP-15-01312
17f.	Repairs to Roof	Preston Seventh Day Adventist Church	REJECT	GP-15-01347
17g.	Urgent External Stonework Repairs to Christ Church, Birkenhead	Christ Church, Birkenhead, Merseyside	REJECT	GP-15-00255
17h.	Structural Repairs, Internal recording and provision of new facilities	St Matthew and St James Church, Mossley Hill	REJECT	GP-15-01194
17i.	Roof Repair and Renewal	St Bartholomew's Church, Great Harwood	REJECT	GP-15-00783

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision

- **Heritage Grants**

18. Museum Renovation, Extension and Volunteer and Events programme; HG-12-08337

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The Eskdale (Cumbria) Trust sought funding to restore and expand the Ravenglass Railway Museum. The project would improve interpretation and enlarge the footprint of the existing museum to expand display of the collection and enhance access. The proposals would build a new archive room, bringing together the whole collection for the first time and digitalise the museum's archive of photographs. An associated volunteer training programme would also be delivered.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £331,000 including a development grant of £7,300 (47%) in June 2014. An uplift of £165,000 (51%) was sought as the project had been reshaped during development and costs had increased.

The Committee awarded a grant of £488,700 (70% of total eligible delivery costs).

19. Coniston Copper: conserving and celebrating Coniston's mining heritage; HG-13-11606 CNW 2015 (3) 19

The Lake District National Park Authority sought funding to conserve and restore the Coniston Copper Mines and Penny Rigg Copper Mill sites which represented a key part of Cumbrian copper mining heritage. The project would implement a detailed conservation management plan to address the decline and dereliction of the two sites. Proposals would involve stabilising and conserving a number of key structures within the sites and provide education, training and voluntary opportunities for the local community.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £404,400 including a development grant of £16,600 (88%) in June 2014. An uplift of £67,100 (17%) was sought to cover small changes to restoration work and increasing contingency to mitigate against the further deterioration of the site.

The Committee awarded a grant of £454,900 (80% of total eligible delivery costs).

20. The Horsfall Space; HG-14-01338 CNW 2015 (3) 20

42nd Street sought funding to restore and renovate one of the last remaining Victorian shops in Manchester, reinstating access to the building as an innovative space for arts and heritage. Ancoats local history and the Thomas Horsfall collection would be focal points for learning for young people with mental health issues. Works would include the refurbishment of timber window frames, new floor structures and an external stairwell extension to allow for a new lift. A range of activities would be delivered to engage with young people and hard to reach communities.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £539,800 including development grant of £73,300 (73%) in December 2014. An uplift of £49,600 (11%) was sought due to an increase in total project costs.

The Committee awarded a grant of £516,100 (79% of total eligible delivery costs).

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

- **Landscape Partnerships**

21. Landscape Partnership Overview CNW 2015 (3) 21

The Committee noted the report.

22. Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Scheme; LP-13-02466 CNW 2015 (3) 22

The Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty sought a first round pass of £2,023,200 including a development grant of £156,400 (72%) for a project aimed at linking together communities on either side of Pendle Hill, a prominent 557m tall landscape feature creating a physical barrier between the rural Ribble Valley and post-industrial settlements of Pennine Lancashire. The scheme would engage volunteers and local communities in a series of art projects and events around the area's social heritage. Ecological networks would be improved and key landscape features would be restored including over 8km of dry stone walls and hedgerows.

The Committee for the North West considered that the project represented a high priority for support. The Board would determine the application in October 2015.

Papers for information

- 23. Mid-term review of Strategic Framework 4 and next steps in development of 'Strategic Framework 5'** **CNW 2015 (3) 23**

The Committee discussed the paper.

- 24. Communications Report** **CNW 2015 (3) 24**

The Committee noted the report.

- 25. Corporate Update** **Oral**

Sue Bowers reported that joint funding for the Parks for People programme with Big Lottery Fund had been extended until 2018 with £20m of funds secured.

HLF's work with the RSA on the Heritage Index would be published on 23 September.

- 26. Any other business** **Oral**

There was none.

The next meeting would be held on 24 November 2015.