

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the North West Meeting on 7 December 2017

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Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for North West held on 7 December 2017 at 9.45 a.m. in the Manchester office.

Members:

- Tiffany Hunt (Chair)
- Neil Cossons (Trustee)
- Nigel de Noronha
- Steve Garland
- Ivan Wadeson
- Stephen Welsh

Attending by teleconference:

- Humphrey Welfare

Apologies:

- Aileen McEvoy

Committee Business

1. Welcomes and apologies

Oral

Tiffany Hunt, Chair of the Committee for the North West, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Antonia Canal, new Development Officer in the North West, was attending the meeting as an observer.

Aileen McEvoy had sent apologies to the meeting. Humphrey Welfare had been affected by train issues in North Cumbria and was calling into the meeting.

2. Chair's Report

Oral

Tiffany Hunt updated the Committee on her activities since the last meeting.

She had recently attended the HLF strategic discussions in Leeds, along with four other members of the Committee. She had also attended the October meeting of Regional and Country Chairs in London.

3. Minutes from the meeting held on 21 September 2017

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes

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There were none.

5. North West Overview

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Nathan Lee, Head of HLF North West, provided an overview of activities in the region.

Development work

The Development team was now back to full capacity with three new officers. The Committee noted the innovative recruitment drop-in session which had been highly successful.

Microgrants had been launched in Barrow in November with a public information session and chance to meet and discuss project ideas with HLF officers. The team met with 45-50 groups and individuals with five applications received to date; two on the day and three subsequently.

6. North West Budget

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Six Heritage Grant applications had been received with a request of £5,399,600 against a budget for the meeting of £2,509,300. A first round application from Manchester City Council requesting £1,001,900 had been received but this had been rejected using the new rapid rejection process.

Two second round Heritage Grant applications had been received. These were fundable as long as the Committee considered that the cases were of high quality and would deliver good value for money.

Update on Lottery income and changes to ways of working

Sue Bowers updated the Committee on recent Board discussions. In light of an income reduction, HLF would need to take a more prudent view of spending and commitments. Consultation for a new funding framework would begin in January 2017. The next year would be a transitional year with much streamlining and simplification.

The Board were keen to protect existing investment whilst still allowing for new projects and distributed spend. They had also agreed that delegated grants would continue to be important. When making decisions, project quality would be a key consideration with a budget which would be set below income for the coming years with the round one budget reduced at Board and Committee level. The Board would reduce the change in delegation to Committees to £1m in 2018 and set budgets for second round at Committee and Board with an emphasis on increased competition. There would be a pause in grant giving during 2018-19 in advance of the new Funding Framework including no new grants under the targeted programmes and a three month pause on all first round grants. Committee budgets would be trimmed by 10% for this financial year. This meant that the North West budget of £7.8m had been reduced to £7.02m.

7. Declarations of interest

Nigel de Noronha declared an interest in item 17, Coming in from the Cold. He had worked closely with the applicant on a number of projects and had evaluated one of their HLF grants.

Humphrey Welfare mentioned that he was a member the Carlisle Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches. St Wilfrid's Chapel was located within the area but the case had never come before the Committee.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

8. Astley Uncovered: repairing and revealing Chorley's rich past; HG-16-04006

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Applicant: Chorley Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £1,727,000 including development grant of £210,300 (66%)

Project: To undertake urgent structural repairs to the Grade I listed, 16th century Astley Hall, allowing greater access to the building and collections. The scheme would include a range of repairs and replacement of inappropriate materials used during previous works to better highlight the buildings heritage. The proposals would include a new interpretation scheme and an enhanced educational offer. Conservation training in traditional skills would be integrated into the capital works.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a medium priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of concerns raised and the available budget for the meeting.

9. Jane Pit Community Project to Commemorate and Celebrate Workington's Mining History; HG-17-00022

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Applicant: Workington Town Council

Request: First round pass of £324,000, including development grant of £33,600 (81%)

Project: A community-focused project at Jane Pit to commemorate the coal miners who worked and died at the Workington pits and celebrate the town's mining history. The scheme would carry out the sympathetic repair and stabilisation and restoration works to existing buildings. Dense vegetation surrounding the site would be cleared and a series of community archaeological excavations would be undertaken with any artefacts found to be catalogued. A programme of engagement activities would be delivered.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £324,000, including development grant of £33,600 (81% of total eligible development costs).

10. Bigger, Better, Stronger - Improving Band on the Wall providing enhanced archive and heritage activity; HG-17-00394

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Applicant: Inner City Music Ltd trading as Band on the Wall

Request: First round pass of £1,437,000 including development grant of £37,000 (88%)

Project: To re-purpose the derelict grade II listed Coccozza Wood building to increase and extend the offer of the adjacent Band on the Wall music and arts venue. The Victorian façade of the building would be retained and restored and the existing entrance and glass frontage of the Picturehouse would be adapted to increase external space and create a more prominent presence to the passing public. The education programme would be expanded to provide increased community engagement.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £1,437,000 including development grant of £37,000 (88% of total eligible development costs).

11. Dippy on Tour - A natural history adventure across the North West; HG-17-03068

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Applicant: Link4Life Ltd

Request: First round pass of £249,100 including development grant of £90,100 (68%)

Project: A project responding to Rochdale Borough Council's (RDC) successful bid to bring Dippy the Dinosaur, a nineteenth century diplodocus skeleton cast held at the Natural History Museum, to Number One Riverside from February to June 2020. Dippy would be hosted on a free display, as part of an eight venue national tour. An accompanying community, education and interpretation offer would be delivered featuring a pop up shop, refreshment stall and development of a dinosaur street trail between the site and Touchstones Museum.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £249,100, including development grant of £90,100 (68% of total eligible development costs).

12. A 21 century Mechanics Institute. MI:Space; HG-17-03567

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Applicant: Burnley Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £1,550,700 including development grant of £117,500 (87%)

Project: To conserve the fabric of the Grade II* Burnley Mechanics Institute, improve its infrastructure and operation, and uncover and increase access to its historic features and social history. Works would include replacing the roof, stone renovation work and repointing, improving access and connectivity between floors and improvements to toilet facilities to accommodate increased capacity. A Heritage and Education Project Officer would be employed to develop a programme of activities.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a medium priority for support and **REJECTED** the application in light of the available budget for the meeting.

13. St. Wilfrid's Chapel; HG-17-02381

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Applicant: Parish of Clifton and Brougham

Request: First round pass of £111,800 including development grant of £10,200 (50%)

Project: The first of a three phase approach to repair the historic fabric of the Grade II* listed St Wilfrid's Chapel, Brougham, focusing on the exterior of the church. Repairs would include removing and replacing rainwater goods, drains and soakaways, repointing, replacing steel window casements, lifting and rebedding the ridge and gable copings and repairs to stone cornices.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application should be **REJECTED**.

14. Prioritisation of first round items

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

- Jane Pit Community Project (item 9), Bigger, Better, Stronger (item 10) and Dippy on Tour (item 11) represented a high priority for support.
- Astley Uncovered (item 8) and A 21 century Mechanics Institute (item 12) represented a medium priority for support.
- St. Wilfrid's Chapel (item 13) should be rejected.

The three high priority cases were awarded first round passes. The remaining cases were rejected.

Grants for Places of Worship

15. Grants for Places of Worship Overview

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In the North West, 21 first round applications with a grant request of £4,232,500 were received against a budget of £1,275,200. At the initial sift Historic England advised that 14 of these applications were less urgent and should be rejected (15h-u). The remaining seven cases were discussed.

The decisions taken by the Committee are attached in the appendix.

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

16. Conservation & Presentation of Eskdale Corn Mill; HG-14-08014

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Grantee: Eskdale Mill and Heritage Trust

Request: Grant of £842,200 (83%)

Uplift: £121,700 (17%)

Project: Four-year project focusing on the repair and restoration of a Grade II* listed water mill and associated buildings in the village of Boot, Eskdale. The mill buildings would be restored and working elements of the mill machinery repaired to demonstrate the process of milling corn by water power. An improved visitor offer would include updated access and heritage interpretation; and increased opportunities for engagement and learning.

The Committee for the North West had awarded a first round pass of £787,500 including a development grant of £67,000 (88% of eligible development costs) in November 2015. The second round decision was deferred in June 2017 to give the applicant time to address concerns around the level of Trustee engagement, business planning, cashflow and partners' commitment to the scheme.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £842,200 (83%).

17. 'Coming in from the Cold' - Raising the Profile of BME Communities in the Archive; HG-16-00568

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Nigel De Noronha declared an interest and left the room before discussion commenced.

Grantee: Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Education Trust

Request: Grant of £357,000 (86%)

Uplift: £7,200 (2%) due to first round miscalculations.

Project: Project focusing on collecting, recording and archival deposit of the heritage of BAME communities across Greater Manchester. BAME-led community groups would be supported to deliver community heritage projects, targeting South Asian and Eastern European communities, and those currently underrepresented in collections. An associated programme of activities would be delivered with 69 volunteers receiving training in heritage, conservation, oral history and project management.

The Committee for the North West had awarded a first round pass of £380,800 including development grant of £31,100 (81% of eligible development costs) in December 2016.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £357,000 (86%).

SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Landscape partnership

18. Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Scheme; LP-13-02466

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Grantee: The Forest of Bowland, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Request: Grant of £1,866,700 (69%)

Project: Scheme 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. Ecological networks would be improved and key landscape features would be restored including over 8km of dry stone walls and hedgerows. The scheme would engage volunteers and local communities in ecological monitoring and a series of art projects and events around the area's social heritage.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £2,023,200 including development grant of £156,400 (72%) in October 2015.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £1,866,700 (69%).

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

19. Victoria Baths Restoration Phase 2: Re-opening of the Turkish Baths and creation of residential accommodation; HE-17-02907

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Applicant: Victoria Baths Trust

Request: First round pass of £3,397,900 including development grant of £389,900 (70%)

Project: Following early restoration, the building was now operating as a visitor attraction and events venue. Under this scheme of work, the Turkish Baths and all original features would be restored with treatment rooms created, operated by Fusion Lifestyle. The Superintendent's Flat would be converted into two two-bedroom and two studio flats to rent out, which together with new income from Fusion, would aid sustainability. Fully accessible entrances and a reception area would be provided. People's memories of using the baths would be recorded and widely shared with new audiences, including through community drama performance.

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

Papers for information

20. Parks for People Overview

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21. Communications Report

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22. Corporate Update

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

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24. Annual Report on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

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25. Overview of Single Round Grants and Delegated Decision Making

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The Committee noted the items.

26. Any other business

There was none.

The next meeting would be held on 15 March 2018.

Appendix GPOW decisions

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Recommendation	Project Reference
15a.	Urgent repair/renewal of lantern tower & masonry – St. Marie's Church, Bury	Parish of St. Marie and St. Joseph	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £248,700 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £35,500 (72% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-17-01102
15b.	Wycliffe Congregational Church, Wellington Road North	Wycliffe Congregational Church	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £246,600 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £28,100 (83% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-16-06838
15c.	Repairing the Roof, Bringing the Community Together and Sharing our Artistic Treasures	St Chad's Church, Kirkby	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £224,300 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £25,200 (86% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-17-02354
15d.	External Repair and Access Improvement Scheme	St. Joseph's Church	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £213,900 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £15,700 (77% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-17-03175
15e.	Urgent Structural & Masonry Repairs to Church Tower	St James' Church, Bootle	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £193,900 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £29,100 (78% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-17-02487
15f.	Securing the life and heritage of St. Peter's Macclesfield	St. Peter's Church Macclesfield	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £134,500 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £13,000 (55% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)	GP-17-02233
15g.	Regenerating Fingerpost Church, Phase 2	Holy Trinity Church, St Helens	REJECT	GP-17-02412
15h.	Urgent Repairs to St Ignatius' Catholic Church	St Ignatius Church Preston	REJECT	GP-15-02383
15i.	Essential Maintenance and Improvements to Grade II listed Church	All Saints' Church Higher Walton	REJECT	GP-16-04771
15j.	Restoring our building, conserving and interpreting our	St John's Church Waberthwaite	REJECT	GP-17-01494

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	history for the next generation			
15k.	Securing the future of St John's Church Calder Vale for the community and its visitors	St. John's Church, Calder Vale	REJECT	GP-17-01675
15l.	Repairing the Floors and Opening the Doors!	St John the Baptist Tuebrook	REJECT	GP-17-02655
15m.	St Mary's, Barrow in Furness Urgent Repair and Heritage Outreach work	Parish of St Mary in Furness	REJECT	GP-17-02871
15n.	Roof repair works to the chancel and to the north and south aisles	St James Church, Altham	REJECT	GP-17-03157
15o.	Urgent Roof Repairs, improved toilet facilities	St John the Evangelist Church, Farnworth	REJECT	GP-17-02927
15p.	Urgent restoration of nave roof and promotion of church heritage	St James Church, Gatley	REJECT	GP-17-01818
15q.	Urgent main sanctuary restoration capitalising on momentum for increased engagement	Ss Peter, Paul & Philomena's Church, Wallasey	REJECT	GP-17-02046
15r.	Runcorn Revive - Roof Repairs and Re-discovering heritage at Runcorn Holy Trinity	PCC of Holy Trinity Runcorn	REJECT	GP-17-01263
15s.	Phase 4 fabric repairs to roof and masonry	St Thomas' Church Stockton Heath	REJECT	GP-17-03140
15t.	St Bartholomew New Roof and Heating Project	Thurstaston PCC	REJECT	GP-17-03396
15u.	Urgent repairs, improved facilities and heritage interpretation project	St Clements, Urmston	REJECT	GP-17-02362