

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the South East of England Meeting on 16 June 2015

CSEE 2015 (2)

Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for the South East of England held on Tuesday 16 June, at 9.15 a.m. at Bletchley Park.

Members

Paul Hudson (Chair)
Alastair Fairley
Roger de Haan (Trustee)
Bill Ferris
Helen Jackson
Susan McCormack
Debbie Tann

1. Chair's Report

Oral

The Committee noted the report.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 18 March 2015

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The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

4. Regional overview

CSEE 2015 (2) 4

The Committee noted the report.

Papers for Information

5. Communications Report

CSEE 2015 (2) 5

The Committee noted the report

6. Communications Plan 2015-2016

CSEE 2015 (2) 6

The Committee noted the paper.

7. Corporate Update

CSEE 2015 (2) 7

The Committee noted the update.

8. Minutes of the meeting of Country and Regional Chairs held on 12 May 2015

CSEE 2015 (2) 8

The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting.

Items for Discussion

9. South East England Annual Report 2014-2015

CSEE 2015 (2) 9

The Committee noted the report.

10. South East England Operating Plan 2015-2016 **CSEE 2015 (2) 10**

The Committee noted the report.

11. Annual Review of Delegated Decisions **CSEE 2015 (2) 11**

The Committee noted the report.

12. Declarations of Interest **CSEE 2015 (2) 12**

Item 16 Command of the Heights: Bill Ferris declared a conflict of interest as the Chief Executive of the Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust.

Item 21 Guardians of the Deep: Roger de Haan noted that the application referred to Folkestone Triennial, of which he was Chair. Bill Ferris also noted a connection as a Board member of Visit Kent. The Committee agreed that neither of these connections constituted a conflict of interest.

There were no other declarations of interest

13. Budget paper **CSEE 2015 (2) 13**

Lucy Perry, Casework Manager, presented the budget paper.

There were eight first round applications recommended for award, with a total first round pass request of £5,869,900, against a suggested budget of £3,250,000 for the meeting, based on an equal division of the budget between the four meetings.

The Committee noted that the grants budget was sufficient to fund both second round applications and the grant increase application, if they were satisfied that the quality threshold had been met.

The Committee noted the report.

SF4 First round case papers for discussion and decision

- **Heritage Grants**

14. Thames Heritage Boat Museum; HG-12-08609 **CSEE 2015 (2) 14**

The Consuta Trust sought a first round pass of £1,903,300 including a development grant of £214,900 (76% of total eligible development costs) to create a new museum to tell the stories of River Thames navigation, boats and boatbuilding. The new museum would be located within Beale Park, within the North Wessex Downs AONB.

The Committee rejected the application.

15. Gravesend Clock Tower Restoration; HG-14-06693 **CSEE 2015 (2) 15**

Gravesend Borough Council sought a first round pass for the repair and enhancement of the Grade II listed clock tower in Gravesend. The scheme would include stonework repairs, the restoration of clock faces and the installation of a new lighting scheme to elevations, spirelet and clocks. Heritage skills demonstrations and historian led tours would be provided.

The Committee agreed that this application represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £172,400 including a development grant of £4,700 (94% of total eligible development costs).

16. Command of the Heights; HG-14-08485

CSEE 2015 (2) 16

Bill Ferris declared conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion of this item

Medway Council sought a first round pass to restore heritage features and improve public access to Fort Amherst in Chatham. The former Shell Store would be removed from the Lower Barrier Ditch to reveal the historic revetment walls and reinstate the link between the Gun Wharf and Fort Amherst. A new main entrance to Fort Amherst would be created on Barrier Road to improve visitor access. The Spur Battery would be restored and interpreted for visitors. A public engagement and activity programme would also be delivered.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £1,700,400, including development funding of £214,000 (90% of total eligible development costs).

17. Museum for the Gliding Heritage Centre; HG-13-07175

CSEE 2015 (2) 17

The Gliding Heritage Centre sought a first round pass of £1,984,500 including a development grant of £157,800 (84% of total eligible development costs) for a project to preserve the heritage of British gliding. The project would construct a new museum and multi-purpose exhibition space as well as a new build workshop which would be used to restore vintage gliders, providing training opportunities. An environmentally controlled archive room would be created to preserve historical records and documents, making them accessible to the public.

The Committee **rejected** the application.

18. Sevenoaks Greensand Charts and Commons; HG-14-07296

CSEE 2015 (2) 18

Sevenoaks District Council sought a first round pass of £996,100 including a development grant of £105,400 (84% of total eligible development costs) to restore ten publicly accessible green spaces around Sevenoaks. The project would enhance the natural heritage of the sites through a programme of habitat restoration, appropriate land management and species recording and monitoring. Access would be improved through the restoration of paths and bridleways and community consultation to facilitate appropriate recreational use. An associated programme of activities would be developed.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a medium priority for support and rejected it in the light of the available budget and the concerns raised.

19. OWLS (Outdoor Woodland Learning in Surrey); transforming access to ancient woodland learning for all; HG-14-02467

CSEE 2015 (2) 19

Surrey Wildlife Trust sought a first round pass to contribute to the creation of a new education centre to replace existing dilapidated education buildings in The Nower Wood Educational Nature Reserve. The centre would provide improved facilities to attract more and a wider range of people to engage with the reserve. An extended programme of learning and engagement would also be delivered.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £323,700 including a development grant of £54,000 (95% of total eligible development costs).

20. Fixing and Linking our Wetlands; HG-14-06996

CSEE 2015 (2) 20

Manhood Wildlife Heritage Group sought a first round pass to build on previous investment in the waterways of the Manhood Peninsula in West Sussex to improve biodiversity and reduce flood risk

across eleven parishes. The project would undertake baseline habitat surveys, draw up coastal management plans, create a photographic record of the wetland system, raise awareness of wetland habitat through a programme of events and undertake practical conservation of wetlands and hedgerows.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £546,800, including development funding of £36,100 (69% of total eligible development costs).

21. Guardians Of The Deep; HG-14-06142

CSEE 2015 (2) 21

Kent Wildlife Trust sought a first round pass for an activity based project to raise awareness of marine habitats and to change the behaviours of sea-users across a large area of the Kent coast. The coastline would be divided into three sections for project purposes; White Cliffs of Dover, North East Kent and Medway and Swale, and administered in partnership with the local authorities. Local networks of volunteer champions would be established and trained to effect behavioural change in their areas. Workshops would be delivered with young people to raise awareness of marine habitat and water safety. A learning programme for schools would be delivered. Awareness raising activities for visitors to Kent would be delivered in partnership with Visit Kent. Volunteers would also be trained as citizen scientists to undertake habitat survey work.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £508,300, including development funding of £64,000 (76% of total eligible development costs).

22. St Mary & St Sexburgha Abbey Heritage Project; HG-12-10269

CSEE 2015 (2) 22

Minster Abbey, Sheppey sought a first round pass of £1,516,500 including a development grant of £111,800 (76% of total eligible development costs) for a project to undertake substantial re-ordering and improvements within the historic church. A link building would be created from the church to the church hall, which would be enhanced with new facilities including a kitchen, toilet and lift. Archive storage and exhibition displays would be installed within the church to tell the history of the site and attract new audiences. A programme of activities would also be developed.

The Committee agreed that the application represented a low priority for support and rejected it.

- **Heritage Enterprise**

23. Soulbury Three Locks pumping station; HE-13-08986

CSEE 2015 (2) 23

Canal and River Trust sought a first round pass to restore a Grade II listed former pumping station near Milton Keynes. The building was currently on the Aylesbury Vale District Council register of buildings at risk. Once restored, the building would be leased to a local blacksmith, and used to provide facilities for volunteer lockkeepers.

The Committee agreed the application represented a high priority for support and awarded a first round pass of £105,700, including development funding of £8,000 (24% of total eligible development costs).

24. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

Having declared a conflict of interest, Bill Ferris left the room for the prioritisation of item 16 (Command of the Heights)

The Committee agreed to award first round passes to the following applications which had been identified as high priorities for support:

- Item 16 Command of the Heights
- Item 19 OWLS
- Item 23 Soulbury Locks

Bill Ferris returned the meeting

With reference to the available budget, the Committee agreed to award first round passes to the following items:

- Item 20 Fixing and Linking our Wetlands
- Item 21 Guardians of the Deep

The Committee rejected the remaining applications.

SP3 Grant Increase

25. Project Boleh; HG-10-07280 CSEE 2015 (2) 25

The Boleh Trust sought a grant increase to enable them to complete the physical restoration of the Boleh, following cost increases, and to establish a new partnership with a sail training charity in Falmouth, which would lease the restored vessel.

The Committee noted that they had awarded a grant of £501,400 (92%) in September 2012. A grant increase of £92,100 had been awarded in May 2014.

The Committee awarded a grant increase of £179,400, to make a total grant of £772,900.

SF4 Second round case papers for discussion and decision

- **Heritage Grants**

26. The Pugin and St Augustine Education, Research and Visitor Centre HG-12-10706 CSEE 2015 (2) 26

The Parish of St Augustine of England, Ramsgate, sought a grant for the restoration of the historic church and the improvement of public engagement with, and understanding of, the work of AWN Pugin and the role of St Augustine in establishing Christianity in England. Public access and visitor facilities would be improved and interpretation would be provided at the church. The visitor offer would include new interpretation, guided tours and a range of activities.

The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £615,400, including a development grant of £82,100 in June 2013. The grant request included an uplift of £63,200 (12%).

The Committee agreed that the application continued to represent a high priority for support and awarded a grant of £596,500 (74% of total eligible project costs).

27. Royal Victoria: Uncovering the stories of Netley Military Hospital; HG-13-06221 CSEE 2015 (2) 27

Hampshire County Council sought a grant for a programme of works to conserve and improve public access to the Grade II* Chapel of the former Military Hospital at Netley. The Chapel, which was currently at risk, was the only remaining building of the Royal Victoria Military Hospital. As well as capital works to conserve the historic fabric and improve visitor access, new interpretation would be provided and learning and activity programmes would be delivered.

The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £1,689,000, including development funding of £102,000 in December 2013. The grant request included an uplift of £100,000 (6%) primarily as a result of changes to the proposed chapel entrance. The remainder of the £389,272 by which total

project costs had increased had been met by the grantee, meaning HLF's intervention rate had decreased.

The Committee agreed that the application continued to represent a high priority for support and awarded a grant of £1,697,000 (59% of total eligible project costs).

28. Prioritisation

Oral

- Grants for Places of Worship

29. GPOW Overview and Applications

CSEE 2015 (2) 29

With reference to the available budget, the Committee made the following decisions:

Grants for Places of Worship			
• Second round application			
Project	Applicant	Decision	Ref
Urgent repairs to church roof structure badly damaged by active Death Watch Beetle	St Lawrence Church, Alton	Award grant of £203,100 (76%)	GP-13-06007
• First round applications for discussion and decision			
St George's PCC	St George's, Ivychurch	First round pass of £84,000, including development funding of £7,900 (60% of total development costs)	GP-14-09149
To save and restore the iconic tower of St Peter's Brighton.	St Peter's, Brighton	First round pass of £250,000, including development funding of £25,700 (71% of total development costs)	GP-14-05883
Masonry, related roofs and glazing repairs to the chancel and south-eastern part of the church.	The Minster Church of St Thomas, Isle of Wight	First round pass of £156,700, including development grant of £19,000 (82% of total development costs)	GP-13-13622
St John sub Castro Repair Project (Phase 2)	St John sub Castro, Lewes	First round pass of £247,000, including development grant of £19,800 (55% of total development costs)	GP-14-09712
Renovating, revitalising and extending the life of St Margaret's to benefit the wider community.	St Margaret of Antioch, Hinton Waldrist	First round pass of £249,000, including development grant of £29,400 (61% of total development costs)	GP-13-08827
Urgent structural work to Saint Mary Magdalene Church to prevent roof collapse of heritage gem.	St Mary Magdalene Church, Lyminster	Reject	GP-14-08849
Snodland, All Saints' Church: Structural and stonework repairs	All Saints, Snodland	Reject	GP-14-06132
Restoration of External Stonework to All Saints' Church Dogmersfield	All Saints' Church, Dogmersfield	Reject	GP-13-21375
Urgent Restoration to Grade 1, 11th Century place of worship	St Mary's, Oxted	Reject	GP-14-06336
Structural Repairs to the Church and Associated Works	Over with Nether Worton	Reject	GP-14-09268

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SF4 First round case papers for discussion and recommendation

- **Heritage Grants (July Board)**

30. Congress Theatre Restoration; HG-14-09883 CSEE 2015 (2) 30

Eastbourne Borough Council sought a first round pass of £3,037,900, including development funding of £48,400 (10% of total eligible development costs) to restore and refurbish the physical fabric of the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne. The HLF project would form part of a wider £40m project to redevelop Eastbourne's Devonshire Park. The HLF project would deliver repairs to the external and internal fabric of the building, improvement of visitor facilities, enhanced interpretation, cataloguing of collections and the development of volunteering and activity programmes.

31. *Intended for future publication*

32. The Tunbridge Wells Heritage, Cultural & Learning Hub; HG-14-04212 CSEE 2015 (2) 32

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council sought a first round pass of £4,270,100, including development funding of £178,900 (35% of total eligible development costs) to improve the existing museum and restore two historic buildings to form a new cultural hub for the town. The project would also create new delivery model for cultural services, combining staff and budgets from the county and borough councils. New interpretation would be provided and the existing public engagement and volunteering programmes would be enhanced.

33. British Army Flying: Discovering stories of Courage, Comradeship and Innovation; HG-14-07321 CSEE 2015 (2) 33

The Museum of Army Flying sought a first round pass of £3,542,000, including development funding of £270,000 (90% of total eligible development costs) to redevelop the Museum of Army Flying and make it more financially resilient and sustainable. Capital works would include the enhancement of visitor arrival and orientation spaces and the creation of a discovery and learning centre. Interpretation would be improved and an activity programme would be delivered.

Parks for People June Board

34. Parks for People Overview CSEE 2015 (2) 34

The Committee noted the report.

SF4 First Round Case Paper for discussion and recommendation

35. Ellington Park Heritage Regeneration Project; PP-14-05624 CSEE 2015 (2) 35

Thanet District Council sought a first round pass of £988,500, including development funding of £94,200 (74% of total eligible development costs) to restore the key remaining features of a Victorian park in order to provide a community green space in Ramsgate, with the potential to benefit a wide range of people. As well as restoring Victorian features, the project would create a small café with heritage display facilities, install interpretation panels and deliver a community outreach programme.

SF4 Second Round Case Paper for discussion and recommendation

36. Northwood Cemetery Heritage Project; PP-13-07349

CSEE 2015 (2) 36

Friends of Northwood Cemetery in partnership with the Isle of Wight Council sought a grant of £1,685,100 (84%) to restore the Victorian cemetery, including the two Grade II listed chapels, and promote understanding of the site's heritage. The West Chapel would become a heritage centre for volunteers and activities, while the consecrated East Chapel would remain a place for quiet visits and reflection. Facilities for visitors and volunteers would be improved, with the provision of accessible toilets and a kitchen. Learning and training opportunities would be delivered, including the creation of paid internships for local young people. An area would be established for natural woodland burials.

37. Any other business

Oral

There were no other items of business.