

# Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for South East England

## Meeting on 5 September 2017

CSEE 2017 (3)

**Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for South East England held on 5 September 2017 at 10.00 a.m. at the Clore Studio, Watts Gallery, Down Lane, Compton, Surrey, GU3 1DQ**

### Members:

- Helen Jackson (Acting Chair)
- Andrew Blessley
- Helen Jackson
- Susan McCormack
- Debbie Tann

### Apologies:

- Maria Adebawale-Schwarte
- Bill Ferris

### Committee Business

#### 1. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair welcomed Joanne McAleer the new Office Manager, Will Crawford who had started as Grants Officer and Eleanor Potter who was attending her first meeting as Senior Grants Officer.

The Chair said goodbye and thank you to Rory Smith who was leaving Heritage Lottery Fund to start a job at the Homes & Communities Agency, Heather Turvey who had moved to SBD to take up the position of Funding Framework Project Manager and Stuart McLeod, who would be taking a one year sabbatical with the RSA as Head of UK Areas.

The Chair reminded Members that there would be SF5 discussions on the 9 and 10 October and encouraged staff and members to get involved with the forthcoming weekend of Heritage Open Days events.

#### 2. Minutes of the meeting on 7 June 2017

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

#### 3. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

#### 4. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Debbie Tann declared an interest in item 13. *Watercress and Winterbournes - Hampshire's Chalk River Headwaters Landscape Partnership Scheme* as she was the Chief Executive of the applicant Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

Prior to the meeting Bill Ferris declared an interest in item 17. The Fitted Rigging House [FRH]: Unlocking a sustainable future for the Historic Dockyard Chatham as he was Chief Executive of the applicant Chatham Historic Dockyard. Bill Ferris had sent apologies.

## 5. Regional Overview

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Stuart McLeod presented the paper.

The Committee discussed the changes in Places of Worship funding. Staff reported that they had held a strategic stakeholders meeting with Church of England diocese secretaries and a broad representation of churches. The challenge would be supporting smaller churches with the requirements of the open grants programmes. The team were now experiencing a steady stream of applications under the new system and would bring an update to the Committee in November.

The Committee noted the paper.

## 6. Budget report

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Stuart McLeod presented the report.

There were three HG first round cases. The projects total £3,307,800 against a budget of £2,335,600 for the meeting, based on an equal division of the budget between the four meetings whilst allowing for quarterly adjustments in response to demand.

There were no second round applications.

The Committee noted the report.

## SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

### 7. Developing the Diving Museum at No2 Battery, Gosport; HG-16-05395

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Applicant: The Historical Diving Society

Request: First round pass of £1,861,900 including development grant of £149,700 (76% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To conserve and restore a Grade 2\* listed historic gun battery and improve the visitor offer for the UK's only dedicated diving museum. Alongside capital works there would be a range of activities to engage with the local community such as a schools programme, an events programme for children and volunteering opportunities.

The Committee for South East England considered the project a low priority for support and a **REJECTED** it due to the concerns raised.

### 8. Heritage at the Heart of Graylingwell; HG-16-05889

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Applicant: Chichester Community Development Trust

Project: To convert Graylingwell Chapel in Chichester into a heritage centre. There would be restoration works to the historic fabric of the building and also additional new structures to create a multi-functional space for the community. The applicant would also tell the stories and experiences of the people who resided and worked at Graylingwell during its time as a psychiatric hospital through the built heritage and an accompanying activity program.

The Committee for South East England considered the project a HIGH PRIORITY for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £1,445,900 including a development grant of £142,900 (68% of total eligible development costs)

## 9. The Lewes Dinosaur; HG-17-01339

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Applicant: The Lewes Dinosaur CIC

Request: First round pass of £108,600, including a development grant of £8,300 (88% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To commission a public sculpture of a life-sized anatomically correct dinosaur to commemorate Lewes resident Gideon Mantell's early dinosaur discoveries. A range of community engagement activities would be offered alongside the sculpture.

The Committee for South East England **REJECTED** the application due to the concerns raised.

## 10. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

There was no need to prioritise.

## SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Grants for Places of Worship

### 11. GPOW Overview and Applications

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The Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
11a.	External Fabric Project Phase 3	The PCC of St Martin's Church, Herne	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £336,100 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £35,400 (81% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
11b.	St Nicholas' Church, Sturry: Its Past, Present and Future	Sturry and District United Church	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £197,800 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF 25,100 (64% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
11c.	St Peter and St Paul Ewhurst, Roof repair Fund	Ewhurst PCC	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £195,500 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £20,200 (45% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
11d.	Urgent external and internal restoration of Staple Church to provide an enhanced community space.	PCC St James the Great Staple	REJECT
11e.	Major stonework repairs and creation of community facilities in St John's church, Newport	St John's Church, Newport	REJECT
11f.	Tower repairs to St Nicholas Church enabling safe public access for the enjoyment of all	St Nicholas At Wade Fabric Committee	REJECT

**SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation (October):  
Landscape Partnership**

**12. Landscape Partnership Overview**

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The Committee noted the paper.

**13. Watercress and Winterbournes - Hampshire's Chalk River Headwaters Landscape Partnership Scheme; LP-15-08410**

**CSEE 2017 (3) 13**

*Debbie Tann left the room for this item.*

Applicant: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Request: First round pass of £2,207,200 including development grant of £269,400 (69% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To enable communities in the catchment to take a central role in caring for their local headwaters, increase the headwaters' water quality and biodiversity, re-establish traditional conservation skills for natural and built heritage and encourage communities to value their heritage environment through deeper understanding.

The Committee for South East England considered the project a **HIGH PRIORITY (1 of 2)** for support

**14. Upper Thames Landscape Partnership; LP-16-08588**

**CSEE 2017 (3) 14**

Applicant: Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

Request: First round pass of £2,791,100 (including development grant of £129,800 (86% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Focusing on the floodplain of the Upper Thames region, from Somerford Keynes in Gloucestershire to Oxford city centre, the project would deliver three integrated programmes of works and activities focusing on seven heritage themes. It would involve capital works to waterways and floodplain mosaics, the restoration of significant natural heritage sites and small built heritage features and a series of community engagement activities.

The Committee for South East England considered the project a **MEDIUM PRIORITY** for support.

**15. Whose Hoo; LP-16-08779**

**CSEE 2017 (3) 15**

Applicant: RSPB South East

Request: First round pass of £1,703,600 including a development grant of £109,400 (69% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To increase the Hoo Peninsula's resilience in the face of current and upcoming challenges to the landscape and heritage. It would restore, reconnect, interpret and celebrate the Peninsula's wildlife habitats, landscape features, buildings and cultural heritage. Alongside these works there would be a range of volunteering, learning and access opportunities for the landscape's inhabitants and visitors.

The Committee for South East England considered the project a **HIGH PRIORITY (2 of 2)** for support

## 16. Prioritisation

Oral

The Committee prioritised the cases as follows:

- Watercress and Winterbournes - Hampshire's Chalk River Headwaters Landscape Partnership Scheme (High 1 of 2)
- Whose Hoo (High 2 of 2)
- Upper Thames LP (Medium)

## SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation (September): Heritage Enterprise

### 17. The Fitted Rigging House [FRH]: Unlocking a sustainable future for the Historic Dockyard Chatham; HE-16-00831

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Grantee: Chatham Historic Dockyard

Request: Award grant of £4,812,000 (55%)

Project: To transform the Scheduled Ancient Monument and Grade I listed Fitted Rigging House from its current deteriorating condition into a multi-use asset in keeping with the building's heritage significance. The project would repair and fit out two floors of this underused building to deliver a range of new uses to develop new income streams to help ensure a sustainable future for CHDT.

Uplift: N/A

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £4,823,000 including a development grant of £11,000 (5% of eligible development costs) in November 2016.

The Committee for South East recommended the project as a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

### 18. Beacons of the Past (cross territory)

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Grantee: Chilterns Conservation Board

Request: Award Grant of £695,600 (78%)

Project: a cross-territory project to survey, conserve and interpret the Chilterns Iron Age hillforts. Work would include a large scale LiDAR survey of the Chilterns in the South East and East of England to reveal features in densely wooded areas, undertake conservation works at selected sites and provide both physical and digital interpretation.

Uplift: N/A

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £745,800 including a development grant of £50,200 (73% of total eligible development costs) in January 2016

The Committee for South East recommended the project as a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

## Papers for information

### 19. Communications Report

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The Committee noted report.

**20. Corporate Update**

**CSEE 2017 (3) 19**

The Committee noted the report.

**21. Any other business**

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There was none.

**The next meeting will be held on 29 November 2017**