

# Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for the South West Meeting on 19 September 2017

CSW 2017 (3)

**Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the South West held on 19 September 2017 at 10 a.m. at Exeter Central Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ**

## Members:

- Stephen Boyce
- Phil Collins
- Tamsin Daniel
- Sue Minter
- Atul Patel
- Wilbert Smith
- Evelyn Stacey
- Sarah Staniforth (Items 1 - 7)

## Committee Business

### 1. Welcome and apologies

Oral

The Chair welcomed Atul Patel to his first meeting with the Committee.

### 2. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair provided an update on his activities since the last meeting.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

Oral

The following declarations were made:

- **Item 10 Luxulyan Valley**

Tamsin Daniel declared an interest as she was employed by Cornwall Council, the applicant. She would leave the room for the discussion of the item.

Evelyn Stacey declared an interest as Wheal Martyn Trust, where she was the former Chief Executive, would directly benefit from the proposals. She would leave the room for the discussion of the item.

- **Item 14 Gardener's House**

Tamsin Daniel declared an interest as she had supported the development of the bid. She would leave the room for the discussion of the item.

- **Item 21 St Austell Townscape Heritage**

Tamsin Daniel declared an interest as she was employed by Cornwall Council, the applicant. She would leave the room for the discussion of the item.

- **Item 23 Dynamic Dunescapes**

Sarah Staniforth declared an interest as the National Trust, who she provided consultation work for, were a partner organisation, however she had no knowledge of the project.

Phil Collins declared an interest as the National Trust, his former employer, were a partner organisation, however he had no knowledge of the project.

The Committee were content these did not represent conflicts.

- **Item 24 Wellington Monument**

Sarah Staniforth declared an interest as the National Trust, who she provided consultation work for, were the applicant. It was noted that she would have left the meeting at the point the application was discussed.

Phil Collins declared an interest as the National Trust, his former employer, were the applicant. He would leave the room for the discussion of the item.

- **Item 27 Quantock Hills**

Sarah Staniforth declared an interest as the National Trust, who she provided consultation work for, were a partner organisation. It was noted that she would have left the meeting at the point the application was discussed.

Phil Collins declared an interest as the National Trust, his former employer, were a partner organisation and he had been involved in the preparation of the original bid in 2016. He would leave the room for the discussion of the item.

- **item 28 The Tamara Landscape Partnership**

Sarah Staniforth declared an interest as the National Trust, who she provided consultation work for, were a partner organisation, however she had no knowledge of the project.

Phil Collins declared an interest as the National Trust, his former employer, were a partner organisation, however he had no knowledge of the project.

The Committee were content these did not represent a conflict.

Tamsin Daniel declared an interest as Cornwall Council, her employer, were a partner to the bid. She would leave the room for the discussion of the item.

Tamsin Daniel confirmed that she had taken the role of interim Head of Culture at Cornwall Council and her Register of Interests would be duly updated.

#### **4. Minutes of the meeting on 20 June 2017**

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

#### **5. Matters arising from the minutes**

**Oral**

There were none

#### **6. South West Regional Overview**

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Nerys Watts, Head of Region, provided an overview of the paper, highlighting:

- Meetings with the Secretary of State for Arts, heritage and Tourism during his visit to the region had gone well.
- Dorset LEP had contributed to four HLF projects and their emphasis on heritage and culture within their priorities for economic growth were very positive.

Thanks were expressed to Committee members for their continuing support with project visits and event attendance.

## 7. Budget report

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Five first round Heritage Grant applications had been received for consideration, with a total request of over £2.4m against a budget of £1,328,800. The Committee noted the competitive nature of the batch and that prioritisation of the cases would be required.

Three second round Heritage Grant applications and a second round Townscape Heritage Initiative application had been received for consideration. There was budget in place to fund these if the Committee considered them to be of sufficient quality and delivering good value for money.

### **SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation (September): Major Batch**

## 8. Tomorrow's Museum for Dorset: Re-Imagining Dorset County Museum; HG-14-03191

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Grantee: Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society

Request: A grant of £11,349,200 (74%)

Project: To transform Dorset County Museum by extending the current building and re-configuring the existing internal spaces to better meet the needs of the collections, visitors, staff and volunteers. Additional space would be provided for new galleries, learning resources, collection management and conservation and storage.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £10,392,400, including development funding of £483,900 (49% of total eligible development costs).in April 2015.

Uplift: £1,440,700 (15%). Project costs had risen as conservation planning had highlighted a significant number of issues, increases to costs for the interpretation, exhibition and interior fit-out and improvements to gallery spaces following public consultation and the need to divert the existing mains sewer and install a new electric substation. A value engineering exercise had been undertaken.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

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

## 9. Slimbridge 2020; HG-14-07889

**CSW 2017 (3) 24**

Grantee: Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust

Request: A grant of £4,071,500 (69%)

Project: A project to tell the story of Sir Peter Scott, Slimbridge Wetland Centre and the development of modern conservation techniques. The aim was to transform Slimbridge into a 21st century centre of conservation education that entertained visitors and led them on their own journey to become advocates for wetland conservation.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £4,414,200 including a development grant of £350,200 (83% of total eligible development costs) in January 2016.

Uplift: £7,500 (<1%)

The Committee recommended the application to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

**10. Luxulyan Valley: saving Joseph Treffry's extraordinary industrial legacy; HG-15-00527**  
**CSW 2017 (3) 25**

*Tamsin Daniel and Evelyn Stacey declared conflicts of interest and left the room for the discussion of the item*

Grantee: Cornwall Council

Request: A grant of £3,637,800 (72%)

Project: To carry out major conservation works to the Treffry Viaduct, together with a wider programme of capital repairs, habitat conservation and management, access, interpretation, training and activities within the Luxulyan Valley - a key component of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £3,480,700 including a development grant of £253,700 (61% of eligible development costs) in September 2015.

Uplift: £410,800 (13%). Project costs had increased due to the scale and complexity of the project, which had been recognised as a risk at round one. No significant changes had been made to the overall plans. The intervention rate had decreased due to an increased contribution from the grantee.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

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

**11. Dawlish Warren Future Coasts; HG-14-08822**

**CSW 2017 (3) 8**

Applicant: Teignbridge District Council

Request: A first round pass of £682,400, including a development grant of £119,900 (91% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To create a new visitor and education centre at the Warren, replacing existing inadequate facilities, at the internationally important site for wildlife, to help manage increased visitor pressure from existing users and additional users from significant new housing proposed for the area. The facility would provide a gateway to the reserve, helping visitors understand the wildlife and habitats of the area, human history on the site, and coastal change. Visitor behaviour would be influenced through increased understanding of the site's importance, leading to increased respect for the protected natural environment.

The Committee **REJECTED** the application due to the concerns raised.

**12. Trebah Beach: safeguarding and improving access to an important US D-Day embarkation site; HG-16-02418**

**CSW 2017 (3) 9**

Applicant: Trebah Garden Trust

Request: First round pass of £316,700, including a development grant of £31,700 (73% of eligible development costs)

Project: Focussing on the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day the project would engage schools, youth organisations, arts charities and community groups with the historic importance of Trebah's involvement in the Normandy landings of WW2. Archive materials and oral histories would be examined and silent film footage of US Forces taken in Cornwall and Devon in 1943 and 1944 purchased and lodged with the Cornwall Records Office. The heritage of the beach would be preserved and interpreted, and conservation and repair works would be undertaken to

address deterioration and safety concerns. Access to the beach and facilities would be upgraded to improve the visitor experience.

The Committee agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £316,700, including a development grant of £31,700 (73% of eligible development costs).

**13. Britannia – Second Century, Second Chance; HG-16-05636**

**CSW 2017 (3) 10**

Applicant: Britannia Sailing Trust

Request: First round pass of £504,800, including a development grant of £24,300 (51% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A five year project to restore the Registered Historic Vessel Britannia and make her fully functioning as a sailing ship. The conservation works would focus on preserving the existing fabric and arresting deterioration, undertaking restoration using minimal new material. Other activities would include open days and events focusing on maritime art and culture, educational visits and volunteering opportunities. A Britannia App would be developed to allow people to engage digitally.

The Committee **REJECTED** the application due to the concerns raised.

**14. The Gardeners' House – A Community Resource & Learning Centre; HG-16-09341**

**CSW 2017 (3) 11**

*Tamsin Daniel declared a conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion of the item.*

Applicant: The Hypatia Trust

Request: First round pass of £792,100, including a development grant of £70,100 (90% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To undertake the full restoration of the partly derelict stable block located in Morrab Gardens in Penzance, creating a new learning resources centre and a home for the Hypatia Archive. A programme of learning activities and community engagement to increase understanding of the extensive sub-tropical plant collections and interpretation materials would increase people's appreciation of the gardens. The Hypatia Archive would be catalogued and digitized to make it accessible both physically and virtually, as a resource for academic research and enthusiasts. New volunteers would be recruited and opportunities for training in horticultural research, practice and horticultural therapy would be created.

The Committee agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £792,100, including a development grant of £70,100 (90% of total eligible development costs).

**15. Our Town, Our Museum, Our Place: Celebrating Somerset's Local Museums' Collections; HG-17-00243**

**CSW 2017 (3) 12**

Applicant: South West Heritage Trust

Request: First round pass of £195,700, including a development grant of £31,200 (68% of total eligible development costs)

Project: The project would enable a step change within the 6 participating museums (Bruton Museum, Chard Museum, Community Heritage and Access Centre in Yeovil, King John Hunting Lodge in Axbridge, Watchet Market House Museum and Weston Museum) in how they managed and used their social history collections. The project would enable the museums to work

collaboratively for the first time to address resilience issues and develop local contemporary collections.

The Committee agreed the application represented a medium priority for support but **REJECTED** the application as the proposals could be strengthened through further consideration.

## 16. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

During the case by case discussions the Committee considered that:

- Item 12 - *Trebah Beach* and item 14 - *The Gardeners' House* were high priorities for support.
- Item 15 - *Our Town, Our Museum, Our Place* – was a medium priority for support.
- Item 11 - *Dawlish Warren Future Coasts* and item 13 - *Britannia – Second Century, Second Chance* should be rejected.

The Committee agreed that both high priority applications would be awarded a first round pass. The remaining applications was rejected.

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

### 17. Grants for Places of Worship applications

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10 first round applications with a grant request of £1.3m had been received against a regional budget of £475,000, however the Committee noted that the budget for the meeting been increased to £712,000 from central funds, reflecting the ending of the current GPOW programme.

At the initial sift, Historic England agreed that 5 of the applications did not have repair needs as urgent as the other applications, and these 5 applications were not taken through for detailed assessment.

The remaining 5 cases underwent full assessment with Historic England providing detailed technical advice to establish the urgency of the repair works. HLF assessment looked at how well the applications met outcomes for communities. These two factors were used to arrive at an overall priority for the batch.

At detailed assessment all five cases were considered to have demonstrated urgent repair needs.

The Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
17a.	Urgent repair works to St Buryan Church Tower	St Buryan Parish Church	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £186,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £16,000 (82% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
17b.	St Stephen's Roof	Charlton Musgrove PCC	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £113,800 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £12,000 (76% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
17c.	Urgent Repairs To Walls And Window Of G1 Listed Church	The Blessed Virgin Mary	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £235,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £25,100 (87% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
17d.	Repair and restoration of Unique Chantry Chapel and adjoining Nave roof	Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Limington	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £85,300 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £23,200 (80% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
17e.	St Mary Magdalene, Barwick, Somerset, Roof Repair	PCC St Mary Magdalene Church, Barwick, Somerset	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £56,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £18,500 (71% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
17f.	Madron Parish Church- Essential Repairs to Principal East Window	Madron Church PCC	REJECT
17g.	Church of St Petroc, Petrockstowe, Roof, rainwater good and drainage repairs	St Petrocs Church	REJECT
17h.	St Augustine's Church Tower, Locking	St Augustine's Church, Locking	REJECT
17i.	St James Church- great community facilities, need to renovate and make safe it's roof	St James Church, South Stoke	REJECT
17j.	Essential high level roof repairs, masonry works and associated works identified in the quinquennial inspection	St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Parish	REJECT

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

##### 18. Our Crofton Story: its Buildings and its People; HG-14-03423

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Grantee: The Kennet and Avon Canal Trust

Request: A grant of £559,300 (66%)

Project: To restore and conserve the Grade I listed Crofton Beam Engines. Necessary works would be undertaken on the building and the visitor facilities would be developed, including improving disabled access. Interpretation materials would be developed and learning opportunities would be created, particularly to engage local communities. Oral histories would be recorded and captured as part of a virtual archive. Resources would be created as part of new learning programmes for children. The volunteer force would be further developed.

The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £575,700 including a development grant of £53,900 (78% of total eligible development costs) in June 2016.

Uplift: £37,500 (7%)

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £559,300 (66% of total eligible delivery costs).

**19. Onwards and upwards-the expansion of Trowbridge Museum in Home Mill; HG-14-09297  
CSW 2017 (3) 16**

Grantee: Trowbridge Museum (Trowbridge Town Council)

Request: A grant of £1,172,500 (47%)

Project: To expand Trowbridge Museum with conservation of the building, Home Mill, and collections and the delivery of improved interpretation and activities. The building would be better connected with the other textile-related buildings in the Town. Increased gallery space, enhanced displays and improved access would be provided. A Textile Hub would be created and would become a focal point for study visits, textile related courses and exhibitions. A wider range of volunteering opportunities and skills training would be delivered.

The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £1,075,000 including a development grant of £100,000 (62% of eligible development costs) in December 2015.

Uplift: £197,500 (20%). Largely due to the inclusion of a new lift in plans following consultation to increase accessibility.

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £1,172,500 (47% of total eligible delivery costs).

**20. Purchase and restoration of chalk grassland priority habitat at Coombe Bissett,  
Wiltshire; HG-15-03072**

**CSW 2017 (3) 17**

Grantee: Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Request: A grant of £814,100 (63%)

Project: The purchase of an area of land near Salisbury, Wiltshire, and restore it to chalk grassland, a declining habitat that supports a number of priority plant and animal species. A three-year programme of learning, volunteering and community engagement opportunities would be delivered. A range of interpretation materials would be created and capital works undertaken to make the site more accessible and improve visitor facilities.

The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £848,200 including a development grant of £34,100 (95% of total eligible development costs) in September 2016.

Uplift: N/A

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £814,100 (63% of total eligible delivery costs).

**SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision: Townscape Heritage**

**21. St Austell Townscape Heritage scheme; TH-15-02641**

**CSW 2017 (3) 18**

*Tamsin Daniel declared a conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion of the item*

Grantee: OneCornwall Cornwall Council

Request: A grant of £900,000 (67%)

Project: A four year project that would fund traditional repairs, reinstate architectural detail and bring back into use key historic buildings within the St Austell Conservation Area.

The Board had awarded a first round pass of £934,400 including a development grant of £34,400 (74% of total eligible development costs) in January 2016.



Uplift: N/A

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £900,000 (67% of total eligible delivery costs).

#### **SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation (September): Heritage Grants and Heritage Enterprise**

##### **22. White Heat, Grey Iron: Conserving Gunns Mill and the Forest of Dean Iron Heritage Story; HG-16-02772**

**CSW 2017 (3) 19**

Applicant: Forest of Dean Buildings Preservation Trust

Request: A first round pass of £4,734,000, including a development grant of £524,600 (81% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To provide a complete programme of conservation of the historic structures of the site and provide training in heritage building and management skills. The history and function of the site would be fully interpreted and put in its local and national context. Conservation-led capital works would be delivered, restoring the buildings across the site, including the creation of office space and a Visitor Centre. Two new cottages, a new workshop and storage areas would also be built. A programme of activities would be delivered, including curriculum-linked projects and events to target specific, harder to reach communities.

The Committee recommended that the Board **REJECT** the application.

##### **23. Dynamic Dunescapes; cross-territory HG-16-08643**

**CSW 2017 (3) 20**

Applicant: Natural England

Request: First Round Pass of £4,131,100, including development grant of £181,100 (74% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Through partnership with Plantlife, the National Trust, the Wildlife Trusts and Natural Resources Wales the 4-year cross-territory project would restore up to 7,000ha of important dune ecosystems, focussed on nine sites across England and Wales. An extensive programme of interpretation and engagement would be delivered to enable a wide range of people to get involved with sand dune conservation, including an outreach programme to attract new audiences. Training and volunteering opportunities would be created for staff, stakeholders and communities.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

##### **24. Saving the Wellington Monument - Triumph over Adversity; HG-17-01265**

**CSW 2017 (3) 21**

*Phil Collins declared a conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion of the item.*

Applicant: The National Trust, Wessex Region

Request: First Round Pass of £2,052,300, including a development grant of £192,600 (45% of total eligible development costs)

Project: Major conservation works to Wellington Monument in Somerset would be undertaken and the works used as a catalyst to engage more people with their heritage. The project would work in partnership with the local community to enable them to take ownership of the Monument to ensure its protection in the long-term. Repair works would include reconstruction of the pyramidion in new large-scale stonework, structural strengthening of the obelisk shaft and structural repairs to the staircase and viewing platform to re-establish public access to the top of the monument. Opportunities for apprenticeships, training and formal learning would be created. A series of

community engagement projects would be delivered with the intention of attracting new audiences. A fully accessible interpretation scheme would be created.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support.

## 25. Prioritisation of first round items

Oral

Prioritisation of the items was not required following the case by case discussion.

## SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation (October): Landscape Partnerships

### 26. Landscape Partnerships overview

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22 applications had been received, with all countries and regions bar London represented, with a total first-round grant request (including development funding) of £52.29m against a budget of £20m. Two applications had been received in the South West.

### 27. Quantock Hills Landscape Partnership - Reimagining the Manor; LP-16-07486

CSW 2017 (3) 27

*Phil Collins declared a conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion of the item.*

Applicant: Quantock Hills AONB Service

Request: A first round pass of £1,902,200, including a development grant of £91,300 (90% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A 5 year scheme of 26 projects that would focus on the cultural and natural heritage of the Quantock Hills, grouped under the 3 themes of Inspire, Live and Learn.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY (1 of 2)** for support

### 28. The Tamara Landscape Partnership; LP-16-08859

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*Tamsin Daniel declared a conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion of the item.*

Applicant: Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Request: A first round pass of £2,493,950, including a development grant of £180,400 (66% of total eligible development costs)

Project: A 5-year scheme to conserve and restore the landscape of the Tamar, Tavy and Lynher Rivers on the Devon/Cornwall border. Accessibility would be improved and new land management approaches trialled. Communities would be engaged with the heritage of the landscape through events, volunteering opportunities and training placements. The scheme would incorporate 12 proposed projects, organised into three categories: projects for heritage, projects for communities and projects for people.

The Committee recommended the application to the Board as a **HIGH PRIORITY (2 of 2)** for support.

## 29. Prioritisation of Landscape Partnership applications

Oral

The prioritisation of the applications was agreed as:

- Quantock Hills Landscape Partnership – High Priority 1 of 2
- The Tamara Landscape Partnership – High Priority 2 of 2

## **Papers for information**

### **30. Corporate Update**

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Anne Jenkins provided an overview of the key corporate activities since the last meeting.

### **31. Communications Report**

**CSW 2017 (3) 31**

The Committee noted the report.

### **32. Any other business**

**Oral**

There was none.

**The next meeting will be held on 5 December 2017.**