

# Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the East Midlands Meeting on 8 March 2018

CEM 2018 (1)

**Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for the East Midlands held on Thursday 8 March 2017 at 10.30 a.m. at the Nottingham office.**

## Members:

- Jim Harker (Chair)
- Heather Broughton
- Mo Cooper
- Jim Dixon (Trustee)
- John Everitt
- Geoff Nickolds
- David Stocker

## Committee Business

### 1. Chair's Report

Oral

Jim Harker, Chair of the Committee for the East Midlands, welcomed Jocelyn Murdoch to the meeting. It was her first meeting as Communications Manager for the region. He also highlighted that Atul Patel would be attending the lunch to say goodbye to the Committee. He would be stepping down as Trustee in May.

The Chair was pleased to confirm that Heather Broughton had been reappointed for four years.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Oral

#### Hinckley Townscape Heritage Scheme (item 12)

Heather Broughton mentioned that she knew a number of officers at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council through her role as Parish Councillor and had undertaken unpaid work for the Council developing an arts trail for Richard III. The Committee were content that this did not constitute a conflict of interests.

### 3. Minutes of the meeting on 29 November 2017

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

### 4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

### 5. Regional Overview

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The Committee noted the Overview.

### 6. Budget paper

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One first round application had been received with a grant request of £804,000 against a remaining of £1,167,950. This was fundable if the Committee were content that it was of a sufficiently high quality.

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

### 7. *Withheld Item*

## SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Major Grants (April Board)

### 8. Major Grants Overview

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The Committee noted the Overview.

### 9. Taylor's: Saving the Last Bellfoundry in Britain; HG-17-01942

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Applicant: The Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust

Request: First round pass of £8,375,100 including development grant of £535,900 (84%)

Project: Comprehensive repairs to Taylor's Bellfoundry, which was at risk of loss, to allow it to continue to cast, repair and re-hang bells using the original factory layout. The scheme would also create a comprehensive and fully accessible visitor experience, with archive and research centre. Activities would include practical conservation workshops in traditional skills and techniques, bell-making apprenticeships and oral history collection.

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

## SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Townscape Heritage (May Delegated Panel)

### 10. Townscape Heritage Overview

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The Committee noted the Overview.

### 11. Restoring the Historic Heart of Gainsborough; TH-17-05554

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Applicant: West Lindsey District Council

Request: First round pass of £1,304,100 including development grant of £54,000 (76%)

Project: A five-year project to deliver a balanced scheme of restoration and repairs across the Gainsborough Town Centre Conservation Area. Works would be centred on Lord Street and the Market Place, including the repair and reinstatement of shop fronts, signage and historic roofs. Public realm improvements would be made to the Market Place. A comprehensive programme of activities and training would be delivered including a programme of open days providing opportunities for the public to try their hand at traditional heritage skills.

The Committee for the East Midlands recommended the project as a **HIGH PRIORITY (1 of 2)** for support.

### 12. Hinckley Townscape Heritage Scheme - The Thread to Discovery; TH-17-05872

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Applicant: Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £773,000, including development grant of £64,500 (84%)

Project: A programme of restoration and repair to re-establish the historic character of Hinckley town centre and to reinstate access from Castle Street to the Castle. Unsympathetic shop fronts would be removed and replaced with original designs and repairs would be made to external walls, rainwater goods and upper floor windows. Extensive heritage-led improvements would also be made to the public realm especially around the site of the castle. An associated programme of activities would be delivered.

The Committee for the East Midlands recommended the project as a **HIGH PRIORITY (2 of 2)** for support.

## **Papers for information**

### **13. Communication Report**

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Jocelyn Murdoch updated the Committee on communications activity in the region.

The #ThanksToYou campaign had been the most successful content ever across all forms of social media for HLF with half a million impressions on corporate Twitter and 133 media coverage pieces.

In the East Midlands, Boston had received good coverage and pieces on the International Bomber Command Centre had been well received.

### **14. Grants for Places of Worship Overview**

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The Committee noted the Overview.

### **15. Corporate Update**

**CEM 2018 (1) 15**

The Committee noted the Update.

### **16. Any other business**

**Oral**

Geoff Nickolds provided feedback on knowledge briefings on Archaeology, Social Investment and Museums and Archives.

**The next meeting would be held on 14 June 2018.**