

# Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the North West Meeting on 15 March 2018

CNW 2018 (1)

**Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for North West held on 15 March 2018 at 9.45 a.m. at the Manchester Office.**

## **Members:**

- Tiffany Hunt (Chair)
- Neil Cossons (Trustee)
- Steve Garland
- Aileen McEvoy
- Ivan Wadeson
- Stephen Welsh
- Humphrey Welfare

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## **Apologies:**

- Nigel de Noronha

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## **Committee Business**

### **1. Welcomes and apologies**

**Oral**

Tiffany Hunt, Chair of the Committee for the North West, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Nigel de Noronha had sent apologies.

### **2. Chair's Report**

**Oral**

Tiffany Hunt highlighted that it was Steve Garland's final meeting as a member of the Committee for the North West. She thanked him for his enormous contribution to the Committee over the past six years, in particular for his expertise in natural history and environmental issues.

### **3. Minutes from the meeting held on 7 December 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 was none.

### **5. North West overview**

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Nathan Lee, Head of HLF North West, updated the Committee on projects in the region.

### **6. North West Budget**

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Eight Heritage Grant applications had been received with a request of £6,478,700 against a budget of £3,008,500 giving a success rate of 46%.

Three 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.

## 7. Declarations of interest

Oral

Steve Garland declared an interest in item 10, Presenting Mesolithic and Modern Man. He was Chair of the Lancashire Wildlife Trust, one of the joint applicants.

Stephen Welsh declared an interest in item 30, The Courtyard Project. He was employed by the Manchester Museum, the applicant and was working on the scheme.

Stephen also highlighted that he was employed by the University of Manchester who were responsible for the project at Jodrell Bank (item 32).

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

### 8. Manchester Hip Hop Archives; HG-16-08501

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Applicant: North West Media Ltd

Request: First round pass of £368,100 including development grant of £16,000 (54%)

Project: To develop a new archive, recording the heritage of Hip Hop culture in Manchester from 1980-2020, with a focus on the pre-internet era. A range of materials would be collected and deposited in the new archive at Archives+ at Manchester Central Library. A programme of activities and volunteering would also be delivered.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £368,100 including development grant of £16,000 (54% of total eligible development costs).

### 9. Revitalisation of Turton Tower and Estate; HG-17-01035

CNW 2018 (1) 9

Applicant: Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £1,698,900 including development grant of £169,600 (64%)

Project: To repair and improve access to Turton Tower, increasing its financial resilience. The scheme would refurbish the historic stable buildings, bringing them into use as a new café, shop and visitor welcome area, providing space for events. An accompanying activity and volunteer programme would also be delivered.

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.

### 10. Presenting Mesolithic and Modern Man; HG-17-00295

CNW 2018 (1) 10

Applicant: The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside

Request: First round pass of £1,178,900 including development grant of £90,900 (70%)

Project: To develop further the visitor experience to the Lunt Meadows Wetland Nature Reserve by providing on-site visitor, volunteer and warden facilities, improved access, and learning and engagement opportunities. Habitat features such as new water channels, scrapes, sluices and islands required by breeding water birds would be created and nature viewing screens would be installed. Activities would include volunteer archaeology, a wildlife watch group and citizen science sessions.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £1,178,900 including development grant of £90,900 (70% of total eligible development costs).

**11. Coastlines - the Cumbria Coast Pollinator Project; HG-17-02033**

**CNW 2018 (1) 11**

Applicant: Cumbria Local Nature Partnership

Request: First round pass of £1,014,100 including development grant of £87,100 (67%)

Project: A three-year project to increase the biodiversity and numbers of pollinating insects through addressing habitat fragmentation along two key pathways or 'B-lines' in Cumbria. A programme of activities would raise awareness of pollinator species and enhance habitats. New pollinator-friendly habitats would be created within school grounds, volunteers would be engaged in plug-planting and seeding to improve the condition of habitats and a new website would be developed to house an online pollinator atlas for North Cumbria.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £1,014,100 including development grant of £87,100 (67% of total eligible development costs).

**12. Restoration of Holy Apostles and Martyrs Parish Church; HG-17-02472**

**CNW 2018 (1) 12**

Applicant: Holy Apostles and Martyrs Parish, Wallasey

Request: First round pass of £484,900 including development grant of £23,600 (58%)

Project: A comprehensive programme of repair and new works to the Grade II\* listed Holy Apostles and Martyrs Parish Church, Wallasey. A series of heritage engagement activities would be delivered in association with the scheme.

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. The Space Centre Thomas Mawson Garden Preservation Project; HG-17-03389**

**CNW 2018 (1) 13**

Applicant: Creative Support Ltd

Request: First round pass of £895,300 including development grant of £56,700 (89%)

Project: To restore the Grade II listed Thomas Mawson designed garden in the grounds of The Space Centre in Preston, making it more accessible. The scheme would provide new opportunities for people to engage with the heritage through interpretation and activities including horticultural training and guided tours.

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.

**14. 175 in 2018 All Saints' Thelwall - conservation, memorials and memories; HG-17-04257**

**CNW 2018 (1) 14**

Applicant: All Saints Church Thelwall

Request: First round pass of £165,900 including development grant of £3,200 (58%)

Project: To undertake repairs to the Grade II listed All Saints Church in Thelwall, Warrington, and provide community engagement activities to mark the 175th anniversary of the church.

The Committee for the North West agreed the application represented a medium priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £165,900 including development grant of £3,200 (58% of total eligible development costs).

### **15. Preserving and Promoting LGBT+ Heritage through the LGBT+ Centre Rebuild**

**CNW 2018 (1) 15**

Applicant: The Proud Trust

Request: First round pass of £672,600 including development grant of £10,000 (12%)

Project: The demolition of the existing 1980's purpose-built LGBT centre on Oxford Road in Manchester City Centre and the construction of a new fit-for-purpose building to enable the Proud Trust to enhance its role as a supportive hub for the LGBT community and further explore its heritage. A programme of activities including tours, exhibitions and events would be delivered.

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

### **16. Prioritisation of first round cases**

**Oral**

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

- Manchester Hip Hop Archives (item 8), Presenting Mesolithic and Modern Man (item 10), Coastlines - the Cumbria Coast Pollinator Project (item 11) represented a high priority for support.
- Revitalisation of Turton Tower (item 9), The Space Centre (item 13) and 175 in 2018 All Saints' Thelwall (item 14) represented a medium priority for support.
- Restoration of Holy Apostles and Martyrs Parish Church (item 12) and Preserving and Promoting LGBT+ Heritage (item 15) represented a low priority for support.

The three high priority projects were funded. The Committee reviewed the medium priority cases and awarded a first round pass to 175 in 2018 All Saints' Thelwall (item 14).

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

#### **17. Lancaster to Kendal Towpath Trail Phase 2 (Stainton to Sedgwick); HG-16-03773**

**CNW 2018 (1) 17**

Grantee: Canal & River Trust

Request: Grant of £1,291,900 (66%)

Project: Two year project improving a 4km stretch of Lancaster Canal focusing on the repair and restoration three important historic structures: the Sedgwick Aqueduct, Stainton Aqueduct and the Hincaster Tunnel and its associated horse-path. Interpretation would be enhanced and a programme of events and activities would be delivered to encourage new audiences to experience the canal and landscape.

The Committee for North West awarded a first round pass of £1,538,500 including a development grant of £41,000 (89% of total eligible development costs) in June 2017.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £1,291,900 (66%)

#### **18. Discovering Bromborough 3: Interpreting the Past; HG-16-03845**

**CNW 2018 (1) 18**

Grantee: The Land Trust

Request: Grant of £446,800 (91%)

Uplift: £18,000 (4%) as the result of unanticipated legal fees, due to complex arrangements.

Project: Three year project to provide physical improvements and pathways at Port Sunlight River Park and create a Heritage Visitor Centre to enhance the visitor offer. An archaeology programme to explore the early history of the Bromborough Court House site would be delivered and training and volunteering opportunities would be provided with project partners.

The Committee for the North West awarded a first round pass of £464,300 including development grant of £35,500 (81%) in March 2017.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £446,800 (91%).

### **19. Revealing Wigan Archives; HG-14-07209**

**CNW 2018 (1) 19**

Grantee: Wigan Council

Request: Grant of £1,320,700 (46%)

Project: To regenerate the Archives and Local Studies service for Wigan through the creation of modern archive research and storage facilities. The scheme would be complemented by a wider offer engaging audiences through temporary exhibitions, permanent interpretation and an enhanced volunteering programme.

The Committee for North West awarded a first round pass of £1,371,700 including a development grant of £51,000 (88% of total eligible development costs) in March 2016.

The Committee for the North West **AWARDED** a grant of £1,320,700 (46%).

### **SF4 first round applications for discussion and recommendation: Townscape Heritage**

#### **20. Townscape Heritage Overview**

**CNW 2018 (1) 20**

The Committee noted the Overview.

#### **21. Southport Townscape Heritage Project - Restoration and Regeneration; TH-17-02520**

**CNW 2018 (1) 21**

Applicant: Sefton MBC

Request: First Round Pass of £1,695,100 including Development Grant of £70,100 (70%)

Project: Townscape Heritage scheme focusing on the Lord Street Conservation Area and Promenade Conservation Area and renovation works to 41 properties. The scheme would create clear connections between the main shopping street, promenade, pier and beach, helping to regenerate Southport's historic townscape and boost the local economy. An associated community engagement programme would be developed and delivered.

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

#### **22. Brierfield: A Townscape Revival; TH-17-06166**

**CNW 2018 (1) 22**

Applicant: Pendle Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £1,971,600 including development grant of £38,000 (90%)

Project: To transform and protect Brierfield's physical fabric and engage the local community in understanding and celebrating local social and built heritage. The scheme would focus on Brierfield

town centre, including the civic area; the intersection of Colne Road, Halifax Road and Burnley Road; landmark buildings; shopping parades and public realm. A community engagement programme and skills training in traditional conservation and maintenance would be delivered.

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

### **23. Deardengate Big Lamp Townscape Heritage; TH-17-03312**

**CNW 2018 (1) 23**

Applicant: Rossendale Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £1,966,000, including development grant of £164,800 (89%)

Project: Four-year scheme to deliver works to key properties in Haslingden, focusing predominantly on properties in a compact, clearly-defined area along the Deardengate Road in the commercial centre of the town. Associated public realm improvements will be carried out, along with training events in traditional skills and a series of activities to better engage residents with local heritage.

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

### **24. Botchergate and London Road – Regenerating Carlisle’s historic southern gateway; TH-17-04883**

**CNW 2018 (1) 24**

Applicant: Carlisle City Council - Regeneration Team

Request: First round pass of £987,700, including development grant of £64,600 (93%)

Project: A three year scheme to help regenerate a conservation area in need of environmental, social and economic improvement. Proposals included the restoration of a block of vacant properties, the Dias Block, a shopfront improvement scheme and the landscaping and interpretation of Christchurch Gardens to become a welcoming space for recreation and community events.

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

### **25. Withington Village Conservation Area Environmental Improvement and Regeneration Project; TH-17-05363**

**CNW 2018 (1) 25**

Applicant: Southway Housing Trust

Request: First round pass of £537,600, including a development grant of £47,500 (74%)

Project: Working in partnership with Manchester City Council, Southway Housing Trust would repair and renovate 34 target buildings and deliver public realm improvements centred on the commercial core of the Withington Conservation Area in Manchester. A complementary programme of activities to increase community understanding and appreciation of the heritage would also be delivered.

The Committee for the North West recommended the project to the Board for **REJECTION**.

### **26. Prioritisation of first round Townscape Heritage cases**

**CNW 2018 (1) 26**

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

- Southport Townscape Heritage Project (item 21) represented a high priority for support.

- Deardengate (item 23) represented a medium priority for support.
- Brierfield (item 22) and Botchergate and London Road (item 24) represented a low priority for support.
- Withington Village (item 25) should be rejected.

#### **SF4 first round applications for discussion and recommendation: Heritage Grants**

##### **27. Blackpool Museum Project: The Amuseum; HG-17-05320**

**CNW 2018 (1) 27**

Applicant: Blackpool Council

Request: First round pass of £4,400,000 including development grant of £400,000 (30%)

Project: To create Blackpool's first Museum, celebrating Blackpool and its pivotal role in the development of British popular entertainment, creating a high-quality cultural offer. The new museum would be located in the Palatine building, a new hotel and leisure complex, positioned on Blackpool's promenade. An extensive activity programme would be delivered.

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

#### **SF4 first round applications for discussion and recommendation: Major Grants**

##### **28. Major Grants Overview**

**CNW 2018 (1) 28**

The Committee noted the Overview.

##### **29. The North's greatest 'Cathedral of Commerce' Rochdale Town Hall: from Co-operation to Common Wealth; HG-17-04529**

**CNW 2018 (1) 29**

Applicant: Rochdale Borough Council

Request: First round pass of £8,945,400 including development grant of £688,700 (52%)

Project: To restore Grade I listed Rochdale Town Hall as a visitor destination and community hub. The building's heritage core would be repaired and restored and access would be enhanced with new ramps and lifts. An activity plan designed for inclusivity would be delivered, including outreach, 'hidden history' research and training placements for young people.

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

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

##### **30. The Courtyard Project; HG-14-05367**

**CNW 2018 (1) 30**

Grantee: The Manchester Museum

Request: Grant of £4,215,800 (36%)

Project: To remodel space within the Manchester Museum to enable it to host world-class exhibitions of natural history and human cultures, realising the museum's potential as the focus of the Northern cultural powerhouse. The scheme would also redefine the museum's social purpose by extending health, wellbeing and social inclusion benefits to existing and under-represented audiences.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £4,622,200 including a development grant of £406,400 (80% of eligible development costs) in March 2016.

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

**31. 'Reimagining Wordsworth': the Wordsworth Trust masterplan; HG-15-03409**

**CNW 2018 (1) 31**

Grantee: Wordsworth Trust

Request: Grant of £4,094,800 (75%)

Project: To transform the hamlet of Town End, Grasmere into a cohesive visitor experience and site for inclusive learning, creativity and community activity, exploring the literary and cultural heritage of the Wordsworths and the Romantic period. A programme of associated volunteering and training opportunities would be developed.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £4,750,000 including a development grant of £655,200 (80% of eligible development costs) in January 2016.

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

**SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Major Grants**

**32. First Light at Jodrell Bank; HG-13-02539**

**CNW 2018 (1) 32**

Grantee: University of Manchester

Request: £11,362,400 (57%)

Project: Alongside vital conservation work to seven buildings, the scheme would create an impressive new exhibition pavilion providing interpretation and public engagement with the heritage of Jodrell Bank and its pivotal role in world-leading scientific development. Proposals would also deliver a learning programme including volunteering opportunities and heritage internships.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £12,147,200 including a development grant of £784,800 (85% of eligible development costs) in April 2015.

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

**Papers for information**

**33. Communications Report**

**CNW 2018 (1) 33**

The Committee noted the report.

**34. Grants for Places of Worship Overview**

**CNW 2018 (1) 34**

The Committee noted the report.

**35. Corporate Update**

**CNW 2018 (1) 35**

The Committee noted the report.



**36. Any other business**

**Oral**

There was none.

**The next meeting will be held on 21 June 2018.**