

Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber

Meeting on 8 June 2017

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Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber held on 9 June 2017 at 10a.m. at the Leeds Office

Members:

- Ron Cooke (Chair)
- Tony Collins
- Angela Dean
- Sue Mendus
- Florence Spaven
- Keith Sweetmore
- Cynthia Wainwright
- John Williams

Apologies:

- None

1. Welcome

Oral

This was Ron Cooke's first meeting as Chair and he welcomed Florence Spaven and Tony Collins, who were attending their first meeting as Members of the Committee.

The Chair also welcomed David Renwick who was now in post as the Head of Yorkshire and staff from the Big Lottery Fund who would be present for the Parks for People items.

Reports.

2. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair reported that since starting they had attended Committee induction and attended the Regional and Country Chair's meeting on 9 May.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 2 March 2017

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

5. Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Overview

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The Committee noted the overview.

6. Yorkshire and the Humber Budget

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There were two HG cases for consideration totalling £1,116,300 against a budget of £1,475,000. Item 11 *Conisbrough Court Rolls* was a fast track acquisition which would be considered as part of

the first round budget. There was sufficient budget to support both projects if the Committee deemed them to be of sufficient quality.

7. Declarations of Interest

Oral

David Renwick declared an interest in item 14 *Yorkshire's Magnificent Journey* as the applicant, North York Moor Historic Railway, operated from the North York Moors National Park, which he had recently been Director of Conservation at the North York Moors National Park Authority.

Florence Spaven highlighted that St. Stephen's Church, one of the GPOW projects, was located in her parent's village, but she had no knowledge of the application itself. The Committee were content that this did not constitute a conflict of interest

Keith Sweetmore stated that he had received Doncaster officer briefings for item 11. Conisbrough Court Rolls in his role as National Archives Engagement Manager for the North of England, but these were background briefings and he had not advised upon or contributed to the content of the bid. The Committee were content that this did not constitute a conflict of interest

SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Parks for People

8. Parks for People Overview

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The Committee noted the overview.

9. Pearson's Park – The People's Park; PP-13-20845

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Applicant: Hull City Council

Request: Award Grant of £3,038,200 (79%)

Project: Hull City Council sought a first round pass to undertake restoration work at the 9.4 hectare, Grade II listed Pearson Park. Capital works would include the restoration of the East Park Lodge, conservatory, lake, café, bowling pavilion. An associated programme of events and activities aimed at diversifying the Park's users would be delivered.

Uplift: £851,200 (39%) due to increases in the repair of the conservatory, the arch and the bandstand. The removal of the entrance archway restoration from the project was considered, but officers and advisors felt this was integral to the project.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber and Big Lottery Fund representative recommended the project to the Board.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision: Heritage Grants

10. Giving Nature a Home in the Dearne Valley; HG-15-05289

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Applicant: Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Project: Four year project would reinvigorate wetland habitats at Old Moor and Wombwell Ings, two key adjacent reserves at the centre of the chain in Barnsley. Conditions for 2,000+ species, many of which are threatened would be improved. The project would also transform the offer at Old Moor's visitor centre, maximising heritage engagement and income generation. A Project Manager would be employed to manage a broad programme of capital work and activities.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber considered the project a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support and awarded a first round pass of £875,800 including development grant of £87,300 (76% of total eligible development costs)

11. Conisbrough Court Rolls: A Unique Insight into the Lives of Ordinary People in South Yorkshire; HG-17-00241

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Applicant: Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council

Project: Fast track acquisition to acquire and conserve the Conisbrough Court Rolls, a collection of records relating to the social history of the Soke of Conisbrough in South Yorkshire dating from the 13th century onwards. There would also be a range of activities such as digitisation and transcription of the archive by volunteers, summer event of talks and activities for the local community and the provision of work placements.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber considered the project a **HIGH PRIORITY** for support and awarded a grant of £240,500 (90%)

12. Prioritisation

Oral

There was no need to prioritise the cases as there was sufficient budget to fund both high priorities.

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation: Townscape Heritage

13. No ordinary building: Leeds Town Hall and 150 years of secrets; HG-16-09348

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Applicant: Leeds City Council Libraries, Arts and Heritage

Request: First round pass of £4,901,900 including development grant of £251,900 (50% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To turn the Grade I listed Leeds Town Hall into a significant national visitor attraction. Access would be significantly improved as the east side entrance would be reconfigured, the Assembly room would be transformed into a multi-use venue, newly designed heritage trails around the building would be put in place and there would be tower tours and self-led historic tours of the Victorian cells. The applicant would look to develop a more self-sustaining business model for the building.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber recommended the project to the Board.

14. Yorkshire's Magnificent Journey: equal access, wider engagement and greater sustainability for England's most dramatic steam railway; HG-16-03834

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David Renwick left the room for this item.

Applicant: North Yorkshire Moors Historic Railway Trust Ltd

Request: First round pass of £4,609,400 including a development grant of £173,000 (47% of total eligible development costs)

Project: To ensure the long-term sustainability of the world's busiest heritage railway which crosses the challenging landscape of North York Moors from Pickering via Levisham, Newton Dale, Goathland and terminates at Grosmont. Alongside work to a number of bridges, there would be the creation of a new carriage care housing and conservation facility, an interpretation and learning project, a volunteer development programme and a lineside conservation programme.

The Committee for Yorkshire and the Humber recommended the Project to the Board

15. Prioritisation

Oral

David Renwick left the room for this item.

The Committee priorities the cases.

16. GPOW Overview and Decisions

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The Committee took the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decision
17a.	Potternewton Mansion Urgent Repairs and Community Readiness Project - Phase II	Gurdwara Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £250,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £24,600 (73% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
17b.	Repairs to Tower, St Paul's Church, King Cross	St Paul's PCC, King Cross, Halifax	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £186,600 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £20,900 (79% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
17c.	Re-slate roof, repair drainage, renew woodwork, improve viability and access to the Church's heritage	St Stephen's Church Snainton	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £108,700 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £10,600 (68% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
17d.	St Thomas' Church Thurstonland - Urgent/Essential Repairs to preserve Heritage Asset	PCC of St Thomas Church, Thurstonland	REJECT
17f.	St Martin's Womersley, Urgent High Level Repairs	Womersley PCC	REJECT

Papers for discussion: HLF's investment in Y&H- What does the data tell us?

The purpose of these items was to provide the Committee with an overview of previous funding in the Yorkshire and the Humber region, where the potential for heritage investment lied and upcoming prospects for applications in the near future.

17. Heritage Index Presentation

Oral

The Committee noted the presentation.

18. Annual Report and Delegated Grants Review

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The Committee noted the review.

19. Snapshot of targeted programmes

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The Committee noted the paper.

Papers for information

20. Minutes from the meeting of the Regional and Country Chairs on 9 May 2017

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The Committee noted the minutes

21. Business Plan 2017-19

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The Committee noted the paper.

22. Communications Report

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The Committee noted the report.

23. Corporate Update

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The Committee noted the update.

24. Any other business

Oral

There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 7 September 2017