

# Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for Northern Ireland Meeting on 6 September 2011

CNI 2011 (3)

## Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for Northern Ireland held on 6 September 2011 at The Arcadia, Adjacent to East Street, Portrush, BT56 8HE

**Present** Ronnie Spence (Chairman and Trustee)  
Bob Brown  
Gerry Burns  
Maurna Crozier  
Mark Glover  
Rita Harkin  
Avila Kilmurray  
Martin McDonald

**1 Declarations of Interest** **Oral**

There were none

**2 Chairman's Report** **Oral**

The Chairman welcomed Avila Kilmurray, Mark Glover and Martin McDonald to the Committee and thanked the outgoing members, Patrick Murphy and Jane Williams for their work over the years. The Chairman had attended a meeting with the Community Relations Council on the approaching Decade of Anniversaries.

**3 Minutes of the meeting on 7 June 2011** **CNI 2011 (3) 3**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**4 Matters arising from the minutes** **Oral**

There were none.

**5 Northern Ireland Overview Report** **CNI 2011 (3) 5**

The committee noted the report.

**6 Northern Ireland Budget Paper** **CNI 2011 (3) 6**

The Northern Ireland grants budget for 2011-12 was £3,075,000, of which £1,863,000 had been awarded to Heritage Grants, £688,000 had been awarded to the small grant programmes, and £524,000 to the Repair Grants for Places of Worship scheme.

The grants budget for this meeting was £591,000. The total grant request for second round awards and first round development grants at this meeting was £1,033,700.

The first round pass (control) budget for this meeting was £419,000. The total first round Heritage Grant request was £847,800.

**7 Northern Ireland Development Report CNI 2011 (3) 7**

The Committee noted the report.

Work continued with key stakeholders to determine how empty historic buildings could be better protected from arson and vandalism.

**8 Communications Report CNI 2011 (3) 8**

The paper was noted.

**SP2 Stage 2 case paper for decision**

**9 Aras Colmcille: CNI 2011 (3) 9**  
DECISION: AWARD GRANT OF £744,500

The Aras Colmcille Trust sought funding to restore the B2 listed building which had received a stage one pass of £807,500, including a development grant in February 2008.

The Committee awarded a grant of £744,500.

**SP3 Repair Grants for Places of Worship applications for discussion and decision**

**10 Repair Grants for Places of Worship Overview CNI 2011 (3) 10**

The Committee noted the paper, which set out the background to the Repair Grants for Places of Worship scheme, and the application and assessment process.

It was noted that the 2010-11 budget for RPOW was £524,000 and the budget allocated for this meeting was £262,000.

**11 St Molua's Parish Church, Stormont, Belfast: CNI 2011 (3) 11**  
DECISION: FIRST ROUND PASS OF £79,400 INCLUDING A DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £4,000

St Molua's Parish Church, Stormont sought funding towards urgent repairs to the B+ listed St Molua's Church, Stormont.

Committee awarded a first round pass of £79,400 including development funding of £4,000.

**12 St Mark's Church, Dundela: CNI 2011 (3) 12**  
DECISION: FIRST ROUND PASS OF £72,100, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £10,600

St Mark's Church, Dundela sought funding for urgent repairs to stonework in the baptistery arch at the Grade A listed building.

Committee awarded a first round pass of £72,100 including a development grant of £10,600.

- 13 Holy Trinity Church: CNI 2011 (3) 13**  
**DECISION: FIRST ROUND PASS OF £66,500, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £3,200**

Holy Trinity Church, Culmore sought funding for a targeted programme of repair at the B1 listed Holy Trinity Church, Culmore.

Committee awarded a first round pass of £66,500 including development funding of £3,200.

- 14 St John's, Mucros, Letter Rd, Kesh, Co. Fermanagh CNI 2011 (3) 14**  
**DECISION: REJECT**

The Select Vestry of St Johns Church, Mucros sought a grant of £21,800, including development funding of £3,300 for repairs and remedial works to the Grade B listed church.

The Committee rejected the application.

- 15 St. Patrick's Parish Church: CNI 2011 (3) 15**  
**DECISION: FIRST ROUND PASS OF £50,900, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £3,400**

St Patrick's Parish Church, Portrush sought funding for the Grade B listed St Patrick's Church, for urgent repairs to flat roof weatherproofing, rainwater goods and stained glass window supports.

The Committee awarded a first round pass of £50,900 including a development grant of £3,400.

### **SP3 Second round case papers for discussion and decision**

- 16 Preservation of Cumber House, Claudy: CNI 2011 (3) 16**  
**DECISION: AWARD GRANT OF £514,100**

John Mitchels' Gaelic Athletic Association sought funding for repairs to the Grade B1-listed Cumber House, Claudy. The project would create a meeting space for groups from all communities, a facility for the Club, and an educational resource. This project had been granted a first round pass in March 2009.

Committee awarded a grant of £514,100.

- 17 Museum of Free Derry: CNI 2011 (3) 17**  
**DECISION: AWARD GRANT OF £500,000**

The Bloody Sunday Trust sought funding to improve and expand the existing facilities at the Museum of Free Derry. The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £566,300 including a development grant of £66,300 in March 2010.

The Committee awarded a grant of £500,000.

**18 Prioritisation**

**Oral**

Noting the budgetary context, Committee agreed to support both second round applications.

**SP3 First round case papers for discussion and decision**

**19 Magherafelt Old School:  
DECISION: REJECT**

**CNI 2011 (3) 19**

St Swithin's Parish Church sought a first round pass of £539,200, including development funding of £18,000 to restore the B1 listed Magherafelt Old School and reuse it as a centre for community arts, heritage, education, economic and community development activities.

The Committee rejected the application on the grounds that there was insufficient planning information and the project was therefore a high financial risk.

**20 One Hundred Stories:  
DECISION: REJECT**

**CNI 2011 (3) 20**

The Ulster People's College (UPC) sought a grant of £308,600 including development funding of £1,600 for an oral history project focussed on the "Early Troubles 1968-74".

Committee rejected the application because it represented poor value for money and lacked professional historical input.

**21 Prioritisation**

**Oral**

Committee agreed to reject both applications for the reasons they had discussed.

**SP3 First round Board applications for recommendation and prioritisation**

- **September Meeting**
- **Heritage Grants**

**22 Colebrooke Walled Garden Project:**

**CNI 2011 (3) 22**

The Colebrooke Garden Trust sought a grant of £4,124,400 including a development grant of £243,100 to restore and make available to the public the Victorian kitchen garden and Grade A listed Turner conservatory.

The Committee discussed the application. The Committee's views would be reported to the Board which would decide whether to make an award.

**23 Restoration of Thompson Dock and Pump House:**

**CNI 2011 (3) 23**

The Northern Ireland Science Park (NISIP) sought a first round pass of £4,855,700 including development funding of £271,000 to protect and conserve the historic fabric of the Thompson Dock (a scheduled monument) and the Pump House (Grade B1 listed), make it accessible to the public and interpret its history and achievements for the widest possible audience.

The Committee discussed the application. The Committee's views would be reported to the Board which would decide whether to make an award.

- **November Meeting**

**24 Maritime Museum and Archive Centre: CNI 2011 (3) 24**

Derry City Council sought a first round pass of £2,906,200, including development funding of £57,500 to conserve two listed buildings at the Ebrington site to house a maritime museum and archive centre. The site contained a scheduled monument and listed buildings.

The Committee discussed the application. The Committee's views would be reported to the Board which would decide whether to make an award.

**25 Servite Priory Library Project: CNI 2011 (3) 25**

The Order of Mary Servite Trust sought a first round pass of £1,424,200, including development funding of £123,200 to preserve and develop the existing library at the Benburb Priory site and transfer the collections to a new library facility building with improved access. The collections included a large amount of rare material of significant importance.

The Committee discussed the application. The Committee's views would be reported to the Board which would decide whether to make an award.

**Paper for discussion**

**26 Towards HLF's next Strategy 2012-2013 CNI 2011 (3) 26**

Eilish McGuinness, Deputy Director of Operations, presented the paper. The paper was being presented to all Country and Regional Committees for comments, ahead of a further discussion planned for the October Board meeting.

The report set out the results of an extensive consultation exercise which demonstrated a high level of satisfaction with HLF from grant applicants. It set out the increased budget that would be available in the next financial year.

**Papers for information**

**27 Report on NHMF/ HLF Board Business CNI 2011 (3) 27**

The committee noted the report

**28 Annual Report of the Equality Steering Group CNI 2011 (3) 28**

The committee noted the report

**29 Value for Money CNI 2011 (3) 29**

The committee noted the report

**30 Any other business**

**Oral**

There were no other items of business

The next meeting would be held on **22 November 2011**