



Swadlincote Townscape Heritage Lottery Fund Panel Minutes 8th November 2017 (4pm)

ATTENDANCE

Name		Organisation	
Cllr Stephen Taylor (Chair)	ST	South Derbyshire District Council	SDDC
Cllr Sandra Wyatt	SW	South Derbyshire District Council	SDDC
Cllr Ray Tipping	RT	South Derbyshire District Council	SDDC
Liz Knight (Conservation Officer)	LS	South Derbyshire District Council	SDDC
Richard Shaw (Design Excellence Officer)	RS	South Derbyshire District Council	SDDC

1. Apologies

Cllr Swan (SDDC), Alex Gilbert (DCC), Paul Elwood (Swadlincote and District Chamber of Trade)

2. Introduction

ST thanked Emma Hancock, the Townscape Heritage Officer who has recently left the authority, for all of her hard work on the project.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes from the previous meeting were **approved by ST and seconded by SW.**

4. Townscape Heritage Grants Update

LK gave a brief update on the current progress of the Townscape Heritage grants, as detailed in the November 2017 report.

Four Stage 1 applications and one Stage 2 application were received for this round of applications.

Mimosa on Midland Road – image was shown and the situation explained - although not marked on the eligible buildings map, HLF have stated that they would be happy for this building to be classed as eligible. Applicants were invited to progress to stage 2 but have withdrawn due to additional structural works.

The panel were asked if they would be happy to support this building if they decided to submit a Stage 2 application at a later date – **the Panel approved this - approved by ST and seconded by SW.**

It was noted that there was a lack of historic photographs for this property (Mimosa), despite asking the Magic Attic archives to look for images. SW stated that she may try and have a look.

An update was given about the key target buildings on the map, as detailed in the November 2017 report.

The Smith Partnership building at 22 High Street was discussed and the panel were asked if this could be elevated in status to become a target (starred) building as it was within the row where we are trying to create a cumulative effect. **The Panel approved this - approved by ST and seconded by SW.**

SW mentioned the Dinnis Clock and how it would be great to get it working again. LK agreed but highlighted the challenges with getting approval from the owner and also the need to get approval from the HLF and look at re-allocating funding.

The update continued as detailed in the November 2017 report and **the Panel approved this report - approved by ST and seconded by SW.**

5. Grants Application Appraisal

An image of 2 Midland Road was shown. LK explained that this property used to be a pub, so the old photographs, couldn't be used to inform the new shopfront design (as the pub didn't have a shopfront). A simple typical, traditional Swadlincote shopfront design was therefore selected.

The budget had originally been estimated at £66,000 for this property, but the present scheme was coming in at approximately £43,000. The grant rate was 85%.

Decisions:

Scheme 1 approved by SW and seconded by ST, everybody else also in favour.

Scheme	Grant rate	Approved max award
Scheme 1: 2 Midland Road	85%	£42,897.24 Net £51,476.69 including VAT (if claiming VAT)

School Pupil's from Fairmeadows School have done a project on the 2 Midland Road building. The results of this project were presented within a Powerpoint presentation that the children presented at their school. This presentation was repeated for the Panel by LK.

SW highlighted that there was a problem with the Town Hall steps being damaged from scooters/skateboards. SW also highlighted that caution would need to be taken when planning the Christmas lights switch on event with regards to the scaffolding outside the Co-op building.

6. Any Other Business

New Townscape Officer has now been appointed and should be starting early in the New Year. The project timeline would be extended to take account of this few months without an officer in post (beyond December 2018).

7. Date Of Next Meetings

Post meeting note

Thursday 22nd March 2018 - 4pm-5.30pm.

Wednesday 23rd May 2018 - 4pm-5.30pm.