The Grants Committee
21 January 2026

Present (In person):
Councillor S Hancock MBE, Councillor M James, Dr R Plummer and Councillor S Skyrme-Blackhall.

Present (Online):
Dr M Havard

Also in attendance:
Bethan Jones (Sustainability Officer), Georgia Jones (Democratic Services Officer), and Jessica Morgan (Head of Decarbonisation).

(Preseli Suite, National Park Offices and Online: 10:00am – 11:35am)

1. Election of Chair

Dr M Havard opened the meeting and reported that only one nomination had been received for the office of Chair: Councillor M James.

On the proposal of Dr M Havard, seconded by Councillor S Skyrme-Blackhall, it was **resolved** that Councillor M James be elected Chair for the ensuing year.

2. Election of Deputy Chair

The Chair reported that only one nomination had been received for the office of Deputy Chair: Councillor S Skyrme-Blackhall.

On the proposal of Dr M Havard, seconded by Dr R Plummer, it was **resolved** that Councillor S Skyrme-Blackhall be elected Deputy Chair for the ensuing year.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Tinley.

4. Disclosures of Interest

Dr M Havard declared interests in relation to applications SDF/12026/3 and SDF/12026/15. Councillor S Skyrme-Blackhall declared a prejudicial interest in relation to application SDF/12026/6 and confirmed that she would leave the meeting room during the discussion of this application.

Noted.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 September 2024 were presented for confirmation and authentication.

On the proposal of Councillor S Hancock, seconded by Dr R Plummer, it was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18 September 2024 be confirmed and authenticated.

6. Action Log

Members noted the action log.

Noted.

7. Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) Report

The Head of Decarbonisation presented a report that provided an update on current SDF projects and the financial position of the fund. It was highlighted that due to a change in circumstances, the Caerhys project was unable to proceed, and the grant funding was set to be returned to the Authority.

With regards to the projects that had been completed since August 2025, a Member requested that the associated end of project reports be circulated to Members and this was noted.

In response to a Member's query, the Officer confirmed that the team had been looking into developing an impact report that would demonstrate the overall impact of past SDF projects along with the lessons learnt.

Noted.

8. Exclusion of the public

It was noted that in discussing the applications, information might be shared which was personal or commercially sensitive, and it was therefore requested that the public be excluded from the meeting.

On the proposal of Councillor S Skyrme-Blackhall, seconded by Dr S Hancock, it was **resolved** that the public be excluded from the meeting as exempt information, as defined in Paragraphs 12 and 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, would be disclosed.

9. Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) Applications

The Head of Decarbonisation presented a report that detailed 15 eligible applications for consideration under the SDF scheme. It was reported that as the amount of funding requested far exceeded the funding available, each project had been scored from the information supplied in their application using the scoring criteria featured in the report. The Officer

explained that applications that scored 34 or above had been recommended for approval and Members agreement of the Officers recommendation for funding was sought.

On the proposal of Dr M Havard, seconded by Councillor S Hancock, it was **resolved** that funding be awarded to the following applications, subject to the usual conditions of the grant:

Ref	**Organisation**	**Funding Awarded**
SDF/012026/2	Yr Hen Ysgol Dinas	£11,000
SDF/12026/3	Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales	£18,735
SDF/12026/7	Angle Village Hall	£7,001
SDF/12026/9	St Davids City Council	£17,960
SDF/12026/10	Transition Bro Gwaun	£5,730
	Total	£60,426

The Minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the meeting of the Grants Committee held on 14 October 2026 without amendment