

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE

20 January 2021

Present: Councillor M James (Chair)
Dr M Havard, Mrs J James (Substitute), Councillor M Williams and
Councillor S Yelland.

(Virtual Meeting: 10.00am - 12.40pm)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Doolin and Dr R Plummer. It was noted that Mrs J James was substituting for Dr Plummer.

2. Disclosures of Interest

A disclosure of interest was received from Dr Madeleine Havard in respect of the application by the RSPB (SDF/012021/5). She did not vote on this application.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 November 2020 were presented for confirmation and authentication.

In respect of Minute 7 (Advisory Members of the Committee) it was clarified that the officer would seek specific advice in respect of individual applications where the officer/Committee considered this necessary

With regard to Item 10 b) Members clarified that given the current lockdown, they would visit the site when a suitable opportunity arose.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4 November 2020 be confirmed and authenticated subject to the above amendments.

4. Exclusion of the public

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.

5. Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) Update Report

a) SDF Financial Position

It was reported that a total of £150,000 had been allocated to the fund for the 2020/21 financial year. £50,000 of this was from WG Sustainable



Landscape Sustainable Places Fund which needed to be spent by 31st March 2021. The report listed the Fund's current financial commitments from projects allocated funding at the previous meeting and noted that £4,858 had been spent on the Little Green Grant. This left £96,067 in grant funding available this financial year.

The report also listed active projects granted funding prior to the 2020/21 financial year and noted that this would be paid from the carry-over of previous years' SDF budgets.

The Funding Manager then reported that the Authority had had an opportunity to access additional funding through the Green Recovery Fund. While at present it was not confirmed that this additional funding, in the sum of £100,000 would be received, Members were asked to take account of it provisionally in reaching their decisions.

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b) Applications for Consideration

The Committee was reminded that in June 2020 the Authority had agreed to change the focus of the Fund to support community led projects that contributed towards a reduction in carbon and helped respond to the climate emergency. There were four categories for applications:

- A. Install renewable energy generation facilities to a community building
- B. An initiative to promote reduction in carbon emissions in transport
- C. Install a community facility that minimises waste
- D. Any other community-based carbon reduction initiative.

The report before the Committee outlined 12 applications made to the fund, two of which had been deferred from the previous meeting, requesting a total of £271,607, which exceeded the amount of funding available. In assessing the applications, the Grants and Funding Officer had taken account of the scoring criteria agreed at the previous meeting as well as considering the following additional criteria:

- 1. Quality of the application
- 2. Location of the applicant/community and the number of applications from the same area already being funded by SDF.
- 3. Proposed start date
- 4. Match funding offered
- 5. Type of organisation applying

The following applications were before the Committee for consideration and the report set out a summary and eligibility check for each. It was



recommended that some projects were part funded in order to support a wider number of projects across the National Park.

Project Type	Ref	Organisation	Funding Sought
Deferred Projects from November 2020			
D	SDF/012021/1	Newport Area Environment Group (NAEG)	£24,973
D	SDF/012021/2	Cwm Arian Renewable Energy Ltd (CARE)	£24,280
New Applications January 2021			
A	SDF/012021/3	Herbrandston Sports and Recreation Association	£30,046
A & B	SDF/012021/4	South Ridgeway Community Association	£37,568
A	SDF/012021/5	RSBP	£9,420
A	SDF/012021/6	Clwb Rygbi Crymych Cyf	£13,689
A & B	SDF/012021/7	Neuadd Gymuned Bwlchgyroes Community Hall	£4,500
A, B, C	SDF/012021/8	Haverhub	£28,168
B	SDF/012021/9	Eco Dewi	£24,210
D	SDF/012021/10	Clynfyw Community Interest Company	£24,800
D	SDF/012021/11	Springboard, Learning Pembrokeshire	£24,963
D	SDF/012021/12	Ffynnone Community Resilience in North Pembrokeshire	£24,990
		Total funding sought	£271, 607

Each application was considered in detail against the scoring template and in light of the additional funding that was expected, it was agreed that additional projects could be supported. In view of the fact this funding was subsequently confirmed, it was **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) the full amount of funding requested be granted to the following applications, subject to the usual conditions of grant:
 - a) SDF/012021/3 Herbrandston Sports and Recreation Association
 - b) SDF/012021/4 South Ridgeway Community Association
 - c) SDF/012021/7 Neuadd Gymuned Bwlchgyroes Community Hall
 - d) SDF/012021/10 Clynfyw Community Interest Company

- (ii) partial funding be provided for the following projects, subject to the usual conditions of grant
 - a) SDF/012021/1 Newport Area Environment Group (NAEG) (£20,471 – omission of planting on private property)



- b) SDF/012021/2 Cwm Arian Renewable Energy Ltd (CARE)
(£8,915 - research element of project only)
- c) SDF/012021/5 RSBP (£5,888, 50% total project costs)
- d) SDF/012021/6 Clwb Rygbi Crymych Cyf (£8,561 omission of the boiler element of the request)

(iii) the following applications be refused:

- a) SDF/012021/8 Haverhub
- b) SDF/012021/9 Eco Dewi
- c) SDF/012021/11 Springboard, Learning Pembrokeshire
- d) SDF/012021/12 Ffynnone Community Resilience in North Pembrokeshire

