

Sustainable Development Fund Committee

13 October 2021

Present: Councillor M James (Chair)
Dr M Havard, Dr R Plummer, Councillor M Williams and Councillor S Yelland.

(Virtual Meeting: 10.00am - 11.30am)

1. Election of Chair

It was **resolved** that Councillor M James be elected Chair for the ensuing year.

2. Election of Deputy Chair

It was **resolved** that Councillor K Doolin be elected Deputy Chair for the ensuing year.

3. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor K Doolin.

4. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28 April 2021 were presented for confirmation and authentication.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28 April 2021 be confirmed and authenticated.

6. Matters Arising

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Members thanked the Funding and Grants Officer for arranging the site visit, which had taken place in lieu of the July Committee meeting. They said that they appreciated the opportunity to see at first-hand some of the projects that had previously received funding and to meet the enthusiastic volunteers at all of the sites. The officer replied that a [press release](#) had been issued following the event, and that it was hoped to arrange another site visit in 2022.

Noted.



7. Financial Report

The report of the Funding and Grants Officer provided an update on the projects previously awarded SDF funding and for which there was a current financial commitment, as well as listing those projects which had been completed since the last meeting. Members expressed concern that some older projects still had outstanding grant claims, and questioned whether this affected budgeting going forward. The officer replied that a number of claims had been submitted since writing her report, and that the projects were now in their final stages and may be completed by the next meeting. The Finance Manager confirmed that committed grant funding was held in an earmarked reserve.

It was reported that £100,000 had been made available for grant distribution from the National Park Authority for the 2021/22 period and an additional £90,000 from Welsh Government Sustainable Landscapes Sustainable places fund which made the total amount of grants available for 2021/22 £190,000. It was noted that £51,271 of grant had been awarded in the current year, meaning that £138,729 remained available to award.

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.

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. 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 five applications made to the fund since the previous meeting:

Project Type	Ref	Organisation	Funding Sought
A	SDF/102021/1	Narberth & District Community & Sports Association	9,932
A	SDF/102021/2	Cwm Arian Renewable Energy	9,560
A	SDF/102021/3	Ludchurch Village Committee	9,000
D	SDF/102021/4	Awel Aman Tawe	10,080
D	SDF/102021/5	Ffynnone Community resilience – North East Pembrokeshire	22,843
		Total funding sought	61,415

Each application was considered in detail against the scoring template and following discussions, 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/102021/1 Narberth & District Community & Sports Association
 - b) SDF/102021/2 Cwm Arian Renewable Energy – with an additional condition that no funding to be released until the project currently being undertaken by the organisation (SDF/012021/2) was completed.
 - c) SDF/102021/3 Ludchurch Village Committee
 - d) SDF/102021/4 Awel Aman Tawe

- (ii) the following application be refused:
 SDF/102021/5 Ffynnone Community resilience – North East Pembrokeshire. There were concerns that the application was too ambitious and broad for such a new group and it was suggested that the Group seek funding for a smaller pilot project in the first instance, with the potential for a further application to be submitted at a later date. Concerns were also expressed regarding the length of leases, confirmed match funding and governance arrangements.

