

# Sustainable Development Fund Committee

19 January 2022

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

[Dr R Plummer arrived during consideration of the Financial Report  
(Minute 4 refers)]

(Virtual Meeting: 10.00am - 11.20am)

## 1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

## 2. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

## 3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 October 2021 were presented for confirmation and authentication.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 13 October 2021 be confirmed and authenticated.

## 4. 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. It was noted that since producing the report, final claims had now been received for the Heritage Guardians and Outdoor Schools projects. Members' attention was drawn to two links in the report – a final report from Cwm Arian Renewable Energy Ltd (SDF/012021/2) and also a map showing the location of projects supported since the Fund had been refreshed in 2020, which showed a broad distribution over the whole of the county.

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 (SLSP) fund which made the total amount of grants available for 2021/22 £190,000. It was noted that £89,843 of grant had been awarded in the current year, meaning that £100,157 remained available to award.



Thanking the officer for an excellent report, it was questioned there were any additional criteria to the funding received from SLSP, or whether these matched the Authority's criteria. The officer replied that SLSP provided funding for decarbonisation and nature recovery but also elements of sustainable tourism that wouldn't meet the criteria for SDF funding.

**Noted.**

## 5. 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.

Officers were asked to consider whether in future some of the more straightforward applications might be suitable for discussion in 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.

## 6. Applications for Consideration

The report before the Committee outlined four applications made to the fund since the previous meeting, and reminded Members that 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.

Project Type	Ref	Organisation	Funding Sought
A	SDF/012022/1	Hubberston and Hakin Community Centre	7,720
C	SDF/012022/2	Pembrokeshire Frame	25,000
D	SDF/012022/3	Grwp Resilience CBC	17,000
D	SDF/012022/4	Ffynnone - community resilience in North East Pembrokeshire	9,970
		<b>Total funding sought</b>	<b>59,690</b>

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/012022/1 - Hubberston and Hakin Community Centre: Battery Hubb
  - b) SDF/012022/2 - Pembrokeshire Frame: The Refillery of Pembroke Dock
  - c) SDF/012022/4 - Ffynnone - community resilience in North East Pembrokeshire: Sow it to Grow it
- (ii) the following application be refused:

SDF/012022/3 - Grŵp Resilience CBC: Parc Tyfu Bro – There were concerns raised regarding the eligibility of some aspects of the project budget for funding. The Committee felt there was not enough information about the land to be leased, its specific location and current ownership and there was an issue raised about pricing and sustainability for the future. Members considered that the application was amorphous without clear structure and there was insufficient clarity of the fit with the Fund overall. However they would be interested to hear how the partnership with PCC progressed and would welcome a revised application.

