

Sustainable Development Fund Committee

23 March 2022

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

(Virtual Meeting: 10.00am – 10.45am)

1. Apologies for Absence

There was an apology for absence from Dr R Plummer.

2. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 January 2022 were presented for confirmation and authentication.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19 January 2022 be confirmed and authenticated.

4. Financial Report

The report of the External Funding Manager 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 were reminded 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 £132,533 of grant had been awarded in the current year, meaning that £57,467 remained available to award.

Thanking the officer for a helpful summary of projects, one Member asked for an update in respect of SDF/2019/3 Sustainable Printing as this project still had £9,000 to claim. The officer advised that she was in regular contact with the applicants and confirmed that the project, which had had to be amended due to the Pandemic, was due to complete in March 2022. It was hoped to arrange a visit to this project for Members later in the year.

An update was also sought regarding the COAST (Community Organised Allotment for Solva Tenants) project which had not yet drawn down any



funding and the officer advised that a claim had recently been submitted and would be paid shortly.

Noted.

5. Exclusion of the public

Officers reminded the Committee that they had been asked at the last meeting to consider whether some of the more straightforward applications before them could be considered in public. Members were advised that this was a matter for them to decide, having taken into consideration the information provided in support of the applications being presented to them on the day. However, bearing in mind that all applications included some personal and/or commercially sensitive information, Members would have to be extremely careful to ensure that none of this information was disclosed to the public during deliberations. Members concluded that disclosure of exempt information could not be guaranteed, therefore, in the interests of fairness, they agreed that all applications should be treated in the same way.

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/032022/1	Lawrenny Shop CIC	6,100
A	SDF/032022/2	St Ishmaels Sport and Social Club	9,840
D	SDF/032022/3	Llanteg Village Hall	7,380
		Total funding sought	23,320

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/032022/1- Lawrenny Shop CIC: Lawrenny Shop Solar PV
 - b) SDF /032022/2 - St Ishmaels Sports & Social Club: Sports Club Sustainability Project – the applicants also to be encouraged to install a digital display in the club house and advised that this could be 80% funded.
 - c) SDF /032022/3 - Llanteg Village Hall & Community Association: Llanteg Village Hall Car Park Solar Lighting – the applicants should seek the advice of appropriate officers in Pembrokeshire County Council and the National Park Authority regarding the type of lighting to be installed so that it had minimal impact on wildlife.
- (ii) the Authority be requested to carry over the unspent funding of £34,147 and add this to the 2022/23 SDF Fund.

