

# Sustainable Development Fund Committee

5 October 2022

Present: Councillor S Alderman, Councillor S Hancock, Dr M Havard and Councillor Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall.

[Councillor M James arrived prior to consideration of the applications (Minute 9 refers) when he took the Chair, apart from during consideration of application SDF/102022/4 which was chaired by the Deputy Chair].

(Virtual Meeting: 10.00am – 10.50am; 11.05am – 12.10pm)

## 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 Dr M Havard be elected Deputy Chair for the ensuing year. In the absence of the Chair, she took the Chair.

## 3. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Dr R Plummer.

## 4. Disclosures of Interest

Councillor M James disclosed a prejudicial interest in application SDF/102022/4 by the White Hart Community Inn and withdrew from the meeting while this was discussed.

## 5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 23 March 2022 were presented for confirmation and authentication.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 23 March 2022 be confirmed and authenticated.

## 6. Matters Arising

### Applications for Consideration (Minute 6(i)b))

The External Funding Manager reported that as requested by the Committee, St Ishmaels Sports and Social Club had installed a digital display in their Club House. The Committee had agreed that if they did so, the fund would pay 80% of the cost and therefore the amount of funding granted to the project had risen to £10,080.



**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. Interim reports were attached from two of these projects (EcoDewi and Ffynnone Community Resilience), from which further applications for funding were before the Committee for consideration that day. End of project reports from Marloes and St Brides Village Hall, Solva Clubhouse and Tenby RFC were also appended to the report.

Members asked whether progress was being made on those projects which still had outstanding funding to draw down and were advised that since writing the report, both EcoDewi and Fynnone had submitted claims, and updates were provided on the remaining three projects.

It was reported that £100,000 had been made available for grant distribution from the National Park Authority for the 2022/23 period and an additional £100,000 from Welsh Government Sustainable Landscapes Sustainable Places (SLSP) fund which made the total amount of grants available for 2022/23 £200,000. However it was noted that there was a likelihood that further funding would be made available from the SLSP fund in January. The Committee was advised that there was sufficient funding available for all the projects under consideration that day.

**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 twelve applications made to the fund since the previous meeting:

<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Funding Sought</b>
A	SDF/102022/1	Begelly Kilgetty Community Association	13,529
A	SDF/102022/2	St John Ambulance Cymru	17,176
A	SDF/102022/3	Lamphey Village Hall	7,296
A	SDF/102022/4	White Hart Community Inn	9,525
A	SDF/102022/5	Haverfordwest Rugby Football Club	9,623
B	SDF/102022/6	Canolfan Clydau	11,663
D	SDF/102022/7	1st Johnston Scout Group	1,610
D	SDF/102022/8	The Pater Hall Community Trust	3,016
D	SDF/102022/9	Ffynnone - community resilience in North East Pembrokeshire	25,000
D	SDF/102022/10	PCNPA Dark Skies £20,002 yr 1, £20,718 yr 2, £20,914 yr 3	£61,634
D	SDF/102022/11	Tenby Museum and Art Gallery	10,624
D	SDF/102022/12	EcoDewi	19,760
		<b>Total funding sought</b>	<b>190,456</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/102022/1 - Install Solar Panels on the Community Centre - Begelly Kilgetty Community Association
  - b) SDF/102022/2 - Sustainable Solar - St Johns Ambulance Cymru
  - c) SDF/102022/3 - Sustainable eco-friendly hot water - Lamphey Village Hall
  - d) SDF/102022/4 - Roof insulation and solar panels - White Hart Community Inn
  - e) SDF/102022/5 - Improving sustainability for Haverfordwest RFC - Haverfordwest Rugby Football Club
  - f) SDF/102022/6 - Clydau Solar Bike Shelter / Lloches Solar Beiciau Clydau - Canolfan Clydau



- g) SDF/102022/7 - Hill Mountain Hall Development Plan - external lighting - 1st Johnston Scout Group
  - h) SDF/102022/8 - Carbon reduction in community building - The Pater Hall Community Trust
  - j) SDF/102022/9 - Peas and Love - Ffynnone - community resilience in North East Pembrokeshire – with an additional condition that no funding to be released until the project currently being undertaken by the organisation (SDF/012022/4) was completed.
  - k) SDF/102022/10 - Dark Skies Pembrokeshire (part of the Prosiect Nos initiative) – Pembrokeshire Coast NPA (3 years funding)
  - l) SDF/102022/11 - Reducing our carbon footprint: heat & lights project - Tenby Museum and Art Gallery
  - m) SDF/102022/12 – Community-led decarbonisation - EcoDewi – with an additional condition that no funding to be released until the project currently being undertaken by the organisation (SDF/042021/5) was completed also with an advisory note that further funding for a continuation of this project would not be provided and suggesting that a business/income funding plan be produced.
- (ii) Where applicants had been unable to supply two quotes for the work to be undertaken, officers should undertake additional checks to satisfy themselves that the projects represented value for money.

