

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
AS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND OFFICER**

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF FUNDS 2019/20

Purpose of Report:

To consider two applications made to the fund since the previous committee of 3rd July 2019. Members will recall that following consultation and discussion, the previous committee scheduled for the autumn of 2019 was cancelled, and PLANED are now pleased to bring the following two applications for the committee to consider.

Background

Members will recollect that the day to day administration of the fund is now being provided by PLANED on a 15 month trial basis. PLANED has been advertising and collating the applications and these are reported here today for your consideration.

The applications which were approved prior to the above arrangement have continued to be dealt with in house to ensure some consistency for the applicants.

The longstanding applications which were approved prior to PLANED's involvement and which still have to be completed are:

SDF ref	Applicant	Project	£ grant awarded	£ grant paid	£ grant outstanding
359	PCNPA	Pembrokeshire Outdoor Schools	18,637	12,723	5,914
360	Brynberian Community Centre	Community Centre	38,500	23,485	15,015
361	PCNPA	Heritage Guardians	11,729	6,947	4,782
362	VC Gallery	The Power of Pembrokeshire	11,488	4,070	7,418
364	iSea Surfware	Mobile shop and beach cleaning hub	8,347	4,345	4,002

The recent applications awarded since PLANED's involvement by the Committee are:

SDF ref	Applicant	Project	£ grant	£ grant paid	£ grant outstanding
SDF/2019/1	Springboard	Family Explorers	19,100	0	19,000
SDF/2019/3	KlickKlack Print	Sustainable Printing	20,428	200	20,228
SDF/2019/4	Emma Evans	St Davids Old Farmhouse Brewery	24,613	3,245	21,368

Remaining Funds Available 2019/20

A total of £100,000 was allocated to the fund for the 2019/20 financial year of which amounts previously awarded are:

£4,500 to Little Green Grant (administered by PAVS)
 £19,100 to Family Explorers (SDF/2019/1)
 £20,428 to Sustainable Printing
 £24,613 to St.Davids Old Brewery

The balance of SDF funding available for allocation in 2019/20 is therefore £31,359.

The 2019/20 third round applications for consideration

For this third round of applications we have two ready for consideration. Their applications in full are attached as appendixes, summaries below.

Summary table

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Sought
SDF/2019/6: Coppicewood College Woodland Workshop	Coppice College	£15,852.50
SDF/2019/7: North Pembrokeshire Tours	Fishguard & Goodwick Chamber of Trade and Tourism	£4,630.00

Project Summary: Coppicewood College Woodland Workshop

The project is seeking funding to build a new workshop; a round wood timber framed building so that they can relocate Coppicewood College. The college began 12 years ago and resides in a private piece of woodland of 14 acres which was a part of the Coedmore woods estate in Cilgerran. Their lease comes to a close in June 2021 and will not be renewed. The new location of the college is within easy reach of the current site and will preserve the woodland community that has developed around the college over the years.

Building a new workshop in the new location at Pengelli woods will guarantee that Coppicewood College can continue delivering quality woodland courses, training

groups and individuals to sustainably manage woodlands and build up a rural business of their own; and to support areas of natural beauty aligned to the principles of the national park. The payment of this application would be subject to gaining planning permission and discharge of all relevant conditions.

Project Summary: North Pembrokeshire Tours

Over 320 places of interest, have lain, often hidden, in North Pembrokeshire and the surrounding area. North Pembrokeshire Tours will promote and deliver 4 or 6 hour tours which will focus on the Heritage of North Pembrokeshire; much of which will often be within the Pembrokeshire Coastal National Park.

In trialling the tours with local people, it is clear that even they did not sufficiently know of or appreciate the culture, the characters, or the ancient and more recent history of the area. These will form the basis of the range of tours we will deliver.

To be able to deliver a self-sustaining and profitable tour operation we need start-up finance to pay a key staff member and to prepare new marketing materials during the build-up period, prior to the full season starting in spring 2020.

As a not-for-profit organisation, surplus profits from the tours will be used to support additional community based, tourism / environment projects.

CONCLUSION:

PLANED continues to be in discussion with a broad range of projects interested in the fund, and further proposals are currently in development for presentation to the Committee during 2020 as there is still considerable interest in the fund from a number of individuals, local groups, and existing projects who are seeking to expand or diversify into complementary areas of delivery aligned to the principles of the Sustainable Development Fund.

Financial considerations

The SDF budget provides for £100,000 to be allocated and, including the two new projects in this paper, a total of £89,124 would have been allocated leaving a balance remaining of £10,876 for the year.

Recommendation

Members are requested to familiarise themselves with the applications and come to decisions as to which ones should be offered grant funding

Background Documents:

None

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