

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE

11 October 2017

Present: Mrs J James, Councillor M James, Mr AE Sangster, Councillor M Williams and Councillor S Yelland; Mr S Bradley (PLANED), Ms S Green, Mr P Howe (Pembrokeshire County Council), Mr G Lloyd-Jones (Natural Resources Wales) and Mrs J Mansfield.

(NPA Offices, Llanion Park, Pembroke Dock: 10.00am – 12.15pm)

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed two new Advisory Members to the Committee and those present introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Doolin and Ms L Livock (Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services).

3. Disclosures of Interest

Mr S Bradley and Mr G Lloyd-Jones each disclosed a personal interest in SDF 0373, but remained in the meeting and played a full part in the discussions thereon.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28 June 2017 were presented for confirmation and signature.

It was noted that Mrs J James should have been listed among the apologies as Dr R Heath-Davies had substituted for her. There had also been an error in the Welsh minutes whereby Councillor R Lewis had been listed as Deputy Chair rather than Councillor K Doolin.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28 June 2017 be confirmed and signed subject to the above amendments.

5. Sustainable Development Fund Update Report

The report of the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) Administrator outlined the 3 applications before the Committee for consideration that day. The report also updated the Committee on all current projects and their progress.

The SDF Administrator then went on to report the financial position which showed that £40,288 of uncommitted funding remained available for new projects. Applications received were requesting £25,475 in 2017-18,

£7,972 in 2018-19 and £4,782 in 2019-20. Therefore, if deemed worthy there was sufficient funding available to support all the project applications received and there would still remain £14,813 of uncommitted funding available for additional new applications.

With regard to the Little Green Grant (LGG) scheme, 3 applications had been received in 2017-18, although only one of these had been approved. Therefore £3,000 remained committed for allocation to LGG projects. It was reported that administration of this scheme was undertaken by Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services (PAVS).

As had previously been noted, two new Advisory Members had been appointed to the Committee representing the business/private sector, and two Advisory Members representing the voluntary/community sector had been reappointed. Letters of thanks had been sent to those members who had not sought reappointment.

The report also updated the Committee on the new SDF and LGG leaflets which had been produced, the presentation made at the Royal Welsh Show and the SDF Annual Report 2016-17 which had been circulated to the Committee.

The Chair added that following a presentation by Sophie Howe, the Future Generations Commissioner, at the recent National Parks Wales Seminar, examples of good SDF projects had been provided to the Commissioner for her to make use of.

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6. Applications for funding under the Sustainable Development Fund

The Committee considered 3 new applications for funding under the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF). The applications were considered in detail against the fund assessment criteria, following a brief presentation by each of the project applicants. The SDF Administrator reminded Members that a number of the applications included on the agenda that day contained commercially sensitive information.

Ref No	Project Name	Presentation by	Organisation
SDF 0372	Native Oyster Restoration Aquaculture Trial MRes	Dr Andrew Woolmer	Tethys Oysters Ltd.
SDF 0373	South Pembrokeshire Woodland Services	Murray Taylor	South Pembrokeshire Woodland Services

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SDF 0374	Heritage Guardians/Arwyr Amser	Delun Gibby	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

The Chairman reminded the Committee that, under its terms of reference, the decisions were to be taken by the Members of the National Park Authority, taking into consideration the views of those Advisory Members present.

Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) the full amount of funding requested be granted to the following applications, subject to the usual conditions of grant:
 - (i) SDF 0372 – Native Oyster Restoration Aquaculture Trial MRes.
 - (ii) SDF 0374 – Heritage Guardians/Arwyr Amser.

- (b) the following application be deferred until the January meeting of the Committee:
 - (i) SDF 0373 South Pembrokeshire Woodland Services – to allow the applicant to submit further information regarding business planning and the environmental benefits of the work that would be undertaken.