

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE

24 January 2018

Present: Mrs J James, Councillor M James, Mr AE Sangster, Councillor M Williams; Ms S Green, Mr P Howe (Pembrokeshire County Council), Ms L Livock (Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services), Mr G Lloyd-Jones (Natural Resources Wales) and Mrs J Mansfield.

(NPA Offices, Llanion Park, Pembroke Dock: 10.00am – 1.45pm)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Doolin, Councillor S Yelland and Ms K Scott (PLANED).

2. Disclosures of Interest

Mrs J Mansfield disclosed a personal interest in SDF 0376 Halen Dewi, and Mr AE Sangster in SDF 0375 Power of Pembrokeshire, but both remained in the meeting and played a full part in the discussions on the respective applications.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11 October 2017 were presented for confirmation and signature.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 11 October 2017 be confirmed and signed.

5. Sustainable Development Fund Update Report

The report of the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) Administrator outlined the 5 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 £36,762 of uncommitted funding remained available for new projects. Applications received were requesting £39,791 in 2017-18, £24,097 in 2018-19 and £5,603 in 2019-20. Therefore, if all the projects under consideration were deemed worthy of support there would be a slight over commitment of funding available in 2017-18, but the balance deficit of £3,029 was small and the Authority would cover this shortfall.

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) and Ms Livock noted that three more applications had been submitted prior to the latest deadline and these were currently being processed.

The SDF Administrator went on to explain that she would be leaving the National Park Authority at the end of January 2018 for pastures new, and a decision regarding the future of her post was currently under review. Members asked if there were currently any projects to take forward and the Administrator replied that she had attended a funding fair in November when details had been taken for nine potential new projects.

NOTED.

6. Applications for funding under the Sustainable Development Fund

The Committee considered 5 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 and should therefore not be shared further or distributed.

Ref No	Project Name	Presentation by	Organisation
SDF 0373	South Pembrokeshire Woodland Services	Murray Taylor	South Pembrokeshire Woodland Services
SDF 0375	Power of Pembrokeshire	Barry John Marten Lewis	VC Gallery
SDF 0376	Halen Dewi Phase 2	Ben Lloyd	Halen Dewi
SDF 0377	Carotenoid feasibility study	Alex Mühlhölzl	Mikota Ltd
SDF 0378	iSea Surfwear mobile shop and beach cleaning hub	Anna Strzelecki	iSea Surfwear and Surfers Against Sewage

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 0373 - South Pembrokeshire Woodland Services – subject to the business being successful in its application for a Timber Business Investment Scheme Grant from WEFO
 - (ii) SDF 0375 - Power of Pembrokeshire
 - (iii) SDF 0376 - Halen Dewi Phase 2
 - (iv) SDF 0377 - Carotenoid feasibility study

- (b) the following application be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee:
 - (i) SDF 0378 - iSea Surfwear mobile shop and beach cleaning hub – to allow the applicant to submit further information regarding business planning