

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE

10 April 2019

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

(NPA Offices, Llanion Park, Pembroke Dock: 10.00am – 12.10pm)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Ms S Green and Mrs J Mansfield.

2. Disclosures of Interest

Mr P Howe and Councillor S Yelland disclosed a personal interest in SDF/2019/2 Family Explorers but both remained in the meeting and played a full part in the discussions on the application.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24 January 2018 were presented for confirmation and signature.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 24 January 2018 be confirmed and signed.

5. Sustainable Development Fund Update Report

The Chair welcomed Iwan Thomas, the Chief Executive of PLANED to the meeting.

The report of the Director of Planning as Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) Officer reminded the Committee that the day to day administration of the fund was now being provided by PLANED on a 15 month trial basis. PLANED had been advertising and collating the applications and had fielded over 20 genuine enquiries from a broad range of interested parties. It was anticipated that some of these enquiries would progress to full applications for the consideration of the Committee at a future meeting date.

The officer went on to explain that the report before the Committee outlined the 2 applications for their consideration that day. The report also provided an update on the progress of projects approved at the

previous meeting which were being dealt with by officers from the Authority in order to provide some continuity for project managers.

The Finance Manager then explained that the 2018/19 budget had been allocated, there had been some slippage, with applicants not being able to adhere to their original timescale, and the Carotenoid feasibility study project had been withdrawn due to lack of match funding. There had also been a cost saving as one of the applicants had been able to source a cheaper machine than first envisaged. This saving was in the region of £17,000 and had been returned to reserves. The 2019/20 available budget to be allocated was £100,000, although money had already been committed in relation to the Heritage Guardians and Power of Pembrokeshire Projects previously approved by the Committee. Nevertheless, should the Committee wish, it was advised that sufficient funds were available to approve both projects before it that day.

NOTED.

6. Applications for funding under the Sustainable Development Fund

The Committee considered 2 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. Members were reminded 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/2019/1	The Really Wild Centre	John Mansfield	Pembrokeshire Seaweeds Ltd
SDF/2019/2	Family Explorers	Laura Phillips Amy Delaney Natalie Linton	Learning Pembrokeshire

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) application SDF/2019/1 The Really Wild Centre, be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee to allow the applicant to submit further information in respect of business and financial planning. The applicants would also be asked to make a further presentation to the Committee;

- (b) the full amount of funding requested be granted to SDF/2019/2 Family Explorers, subject to the usual conditions of grant.