

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

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF FUNDS 2019/20

Purpose of Report:

To consider 3 applications made to the fund since the previous committee of 10 April 2019. Also to reconsider an application (made by The Really Wild Centre, reference SDF/2019/1) which was considered on 10 April, but which members required further information about prior to deciding whether a grant should be given.

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	14,565	23,935
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	1,908	6,439



Photo: ISeaSurf – mobile shop and beach cleaning hub

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)

The balance of SDF funding available for allocation in 2019/20 is therefore £76,400.

The 2019/20 Second round applications for consideration

For this second round of applications we have 4 for consideration. Their applications in full are attached as appendixes, summaries below.

Summary table

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Sought
The Really Wild Centre	Pembrokeshire Seaweeds Ltd	£16,250.00
Sustainable Printing	KlickKlack Print	£20,428.00
St Davids Old Farmhouse Brewery	Emma Evans	£24,613.09
Car-y-Mor Community Benefit Society Start-Up	Car-y-Mor Community Benefit Society	£14,184.64
Total		£75,475.73

It will create an innovative, environmentally sensitive, educational visitor experience
Project Summary: The Really Wild Centre

This was considered previously, members had further queries and therefore asked the applicant to be reconsidered. Previously it was described as:

dedicated to helping visitors and residents appreciate our Pembrokeshire landscape and coastline, and how they can contribute to its sustainability for future generations. The visitor experience will be based on providing a high quality, distinctly Welsh educational and multi-sensory experience for all. This will complement the development of the visitor centre to further enhance the economic opportunities and social economy across all of St Davids, whilst promoting a greater awareness of our natural environment in a sustainable and practical way.

Since the previous presentation, a planning application has been considered by PCNPA Development Management committee – on 19 June 2019. Agenda item:

https://www.pembrokeshirecoast.wales/Files/files/Committee/DM/2019/June%2019/19_0153.pdf

PLEASE NOTE: At the time of writing this report, the committee had not yet met, and the decision was yet to be decided.

Project Summary: Sustainable Printing

Developing sustainable dyes and pastes which are earth based and eco friendly, the project will run courses across Pembrokeshire as part of, and supported by a sustainable print workshop based in Narberth. The courses would have ecology and sustainability at the core, that using natural printing materials, would inspire and deliver educational print-based and digital design courses for the local community and beyond. The courses would be based primarily at a regenerated outbuilding to offer the courses, prior to outreach delivery across the county.

Project Summary: St Davids Old Farmhouse Brewery

Diversification of a family beef farm. The project would apply circular economic principles to create a Microbrewery via a cycle of production supported by the farm's natural resources; crops and materials, including barley and honey. Capitalising on a gap in the local market, the microbrewery proposal also looks to improve biodiversity and habitat on the farm by investing in barn owl boxes, developing links to the existing footpaths and public rights of way, as well as the brewery itself supporting education, training, skills, and contributing to the listed outcomes in the WG Food Strategy Action Plan.

Project Summary: Car-y-Mor Community Benefit Society Start-Up

The mission of the project is to be a social enterprise benefitting people and the coastal environment. It will put on 50 free child led outside education events each summer to help longer term awareness and impact, as the project in its first year, also looks to trial two 3D ocean farms in Ramsey Sound using different work practices and species of seaweed and shellfish. Data and evidence gathered will

help contribute to any future streamlining of licenses, as the project will also assist local businesses gain further, as trial sites will provide new reefs for marine life to flourish.

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 in the Autumn. However, should the projects presented for this meeting, be each awarded grants or partial awards, then members will only have a limited funding resource remaining for the rest of the current financial year. The projects listed above do represent a broad geographic capture across the county, and each has merits on which the committee should find of interest for consideration. There is the possibility that some current projects will not use their total funding awarded and this money could remain in the budget to support further projects.

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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