

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE

8th May 2013

Present: Councillor M Williams (Chairman)
Mrs G Hayward (in place of Mr EA Sangster), Councillor Mrs L Jenkins,
Councillor RM Lewis and Mrs M Thomas; Mmes C Daugherty (Natural
Resources Wales), S Hughes (Planed), W Marmara (Pembrokeshire
Association of Voluntary Services), A Robinson (Pembrokeshire County
Council), Mr R Smith (PBI) and Ms L Williams (Pembrokeshire Tourism).

(NPA Offices, Llanion Park, Pembroke Dock: 10.00am – 3.20pm)

1. Apology

An apology for absence was received from Mr EA Sangster and Councillor DWM Rees.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th January 2013 were presented for confirmation and signature.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th January 2013 be confirmed and signed.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor RM Lewis declared an interest in the report of the SDF Administrator as it referred to Project SDF 0315 (Martletwy Sustainable Community Project). Councillor Lewis was the applicant for that project.

SDF 0335 and 0339 – Dr Beynon's Bug Farm (Phases 1 and 2): Mmes C Daugherty and S Hughes and Mr R Smith declared that their organisations had been involved with the projects, although none had been involved personally.

SDF 0334 – Waste paper and card to bio-mass solid fuel: Councillor Mrs L Jenkins declared that the applicant's wife was an acquaintance, but she knew nothing of the project.

SDF 0336 – Saundersfoot Regency Hall Community Regeneration Project: Ms S Hughes declared that Planed had been involved in the project, although she had not been involved personally. The Business and Performance Manager declared that he was related to someone involved with the project.

Mmes W Marmara and L Williams declared that their organisations had been involved with Projects SDF 0337 (Stackpole Gardens Development) and SDF 0338 (Green Key Pilot), but they had not been involved personally.

4. Sustainable Development Fund Update Report

The SDF Administrator reported that the grant offer for the Martletwy Sustainable Community Project (SDF 0315) would be formally withdrawn as the Community had been unable to secure the remaining funding. The group would be advised that if the project could be resurrected in the future they could make a new application to the fund.

It was also reported that as Eco Centre Wales had ceased to operate on 31st March 2013, its project SDF 0319 ReFarm had therefore terminated after only one year of a planned two year project. The project had aimed to support a significant increase in annual generation of renewable electricity from the farming sector in Pembrokeshire, and during its year of operation there had been an encouraging take up of the service.

Despite money which had been committed on the above two projects not having been spent and a consequent balance carry-over into the 2013/14 financial year, the SDF Administrator reported that there was insufficient funding available to support all the applications under consideration that day. The detailed figures for expenditure in 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 were set out in the report.

Finally an update was given on the Little Green Grant, a scheme administered by Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary services under which applicants could apply for up to £1,500 towards a project. Eleven applications had been received in 2012/13 of which six were awarded funding and a summary of these was provided in the report.

NOTED.

5. Applications for funding under the Sustainable Development Fund

The Committee considered eight new applications for funding under the Sustainable Development Fund. 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 0331	Caerhys Organic Community Agriculture (COCA) Polytunnel	Messrs Rupert Dunn and Gerald Miles	Caerhys Organic Community Agriculture

Ref No	Project Name	Presentation by	Organisation
SDF 0332	Diversity Outdoors in Pembrokeshire Coast National Park	Mr Clayton Georges and Ms Pat Gregory	Diversity Outdoors
SDF 0334	Waste paper and card to bio-mass solid fuel	Paul Edwards	Polypembs Limited
SDF 0335 and SDF 0339	Dr Beynon's Bug Farm: Phases 1 and 2	Dr Sarah Beynon	Dr Beynon's Bug Farm Ltd
SDF 0336	The Regency Hall Community Regeneration Project	Mr and Mrs Neville and Susan Boughton-Thomas	The Regency Hall
SDF 0337	Stackpole Gardens Development	Messrs Mike Evans, Brian Williams and Ian Wilshaw	Pembrokeshire Mencap Ltd
SDF 0338	Green Key Pilot	Simon Preddy	Keep Wales Tidy

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 advisors present.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was **RESOLVED**:

- (a) that Project SDF 0331 – Caerhys Organic Community Agriculture Polyunnel – be approved;
- (b) that Project SDF 0332 – Diversity Outdoors in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park – be refused;
- (c) that Project SDF 0334 - Waste paper and card to bio-mass solid fuel – be approved, subject to submission and agreement by officers of cashflow statements;
- (d) that Project SDF 0335 - Dr Beynon's Bug Farm: Phase 1 – be approved;

- (e) that Project SDF 0336 - The Regency Hall Community Regeneration Project – be approved, subject to officers being satisfied that the elements for which funding was requested had not already been funded by previous submissions for grant aid;
- (f) that Project SDF 0337 - Stackpole Gardens Development – be refused;
- (g) that Project SDF 0338-Green Key Pilot – be approved;
- (h) that Project SDF 0039 – Dr Beynon’s Bug Farm: Phase II – be approved to a level of £75,000 subject to no funding being granted in year 3, an independent valuation being taken of the farm, agreement of legally binding bespoke grant terms and conditions to ensure adequate protection of the public investment and regular monitoring of the project.