

Hill of Fiddes Community Fund –10th February 2021

The meeting was held remotely via Teams and called to order by Susan Watt at 1900 hrs.



PRESENT:

Susan Watt (Chair), Judith Mackenzie (Treasurer), Nicola Strachan (Secretary), Adrian Tuckwell, Laura MacArthur, Willie Grant, Eric Buchan, Janet Jones, Calum Davidson,

APOLOGIES: Dave Hancock, George Bruce

MINUTES OF 11th November 2020:

Review previous meeting minutes – Agreed as correct.

Susan Watt welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for making the extra effort to attend the meeting remotely.

MATTERS ARISING and CHAIRPERSON REPORT:

N Strachan to set up a Facebook page – Mrs Strachan indicated that with home schooling and work pressures she had not set up a Facebook page yet – this will be completed by the next meeting. **ACTION: NS to set up Facebook Page**

All other actions were completed as required.

Mrs Watt indicated that meetings would be taking place as scheduled however for the foreseeable future this would be completed remotely.

Mrs Watt is keen to promote the fund and the types of project that can be funded. This is particularly important as the Foveran News has not been published during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs Watt encouraged people to report to Adrian any updates they have of projects that have benefited from the fund to allow this information to be put onto the web site. In addition she asked that the application form be reviewed to consider including an agreement to provide pictures of any items funded. This will be further assisted once the Facebook page is up and running. Mrs Strachan suggested contacting previous applicants for pictures and updates.

ACTION: N Strachan to contact previous applicants of funding. A Tuckwell to update website. All Committee to provide wording and photos for website.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Judith McKenzie advised the account was currently standing at £21,596.92.

APPLICATIONS:

The following applications were received this month. All applicants had provided additional information to support their applications. All groups were informed of the result following the meeting.

The following applications were discussed:

Ref	Description	Group	Awarded	Votes
96	iPads	Foveran School	£498.80	8 Approved 0 Abstained
97	Numeracy Resources	Foveran School	£419.99	8 Approved 0 Abstained

98	Perennial Plants	Udny Station Amenities Group	£480.95	6 Approved 2 Abstained
99	Lightbox	Udny Station Playgroup	£119.99	8 Approved 0 Abstained
100	Laptop	Udny Station Playgroup	£499.99	8 Approved 0 Abstained
		<u>Total Awarded</u>	£2019.72	

During the discussion of applicants the requirement to provide 'matched' funding for applications over £500. It was felt that this may be too low and in the interests of helping local groups that this measure should be increased. There was discussion around this issue and it was agreed that this would require changes to the constitution and agreed at the AGM (or an EGM if needed). This is to be placed as an agenda item at the summer meeting to allow any changes to be made prior to the AGM where they can be approved.

ACTION: N Strachan to put funding levels on agenda for next meeting.

RENEWAL OF WEB ADDRESS

Adrian Tuckwell provided an invoice for the next years web site and email address. It was decided to approve paying this.

MEETING CLOSE

All members of the committee were to encourage local groups to apply for funding for projects based within the community or that provide facilities that benefit members of the community.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12th May 2021 at 1900 via Teams

Applications Submission

HOFS Meeting Date

Sunday 9th May 2021

Wednesday 12th May 2021 (via Teams)

Sunday 15th Aug 2021

Tuesday 17th Aug 2021 AGM

Sunday 7th Nov 2021

Wednesday 10th November 2021