

## Hill of Fiddes Community Fund AGM–11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The meeting was called to order by Susan Watt at 1900 hrs via Microsoft Teams meeting. This meeting was carried out during the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore a face to face meeting was not possible.



### PRESENT:

Susan Watt (Chair), Judith Mackenzie (Treasurer), Nicola Strachan (Secretary), Adrian Tuckwell, Eric Buchan, Calum Davidson, Dave Hancock

**APOLOGIES:** George Bruce, Willie Grant, Laura MacArthur, Janet Jones, Jon Priddy (Ventient)

### MINUTES OF 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020:

Review previous meeting minutes – Agreed as correct.

### MATTERS ARISING and CHAIRPERSON REPORT:

J Jones to confirm submission date for Foveran News is 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020. N Strachan submitted article as required. N Strachan explained that since the COVID-19 pandemic the Foveran News has not been able to be delivered to houses due to concerns re COVID-19 infection. J Jones to inform committee when the Foveran News will next be published.

It was suggested that as the Foveran News was used for publicising the fund and applications that an alternative means of publication should be sought. N Strachan suggested a Facebook page and it was agreed that this should be created.

**Action: N Strachan to create Facebook page**

Update on Belhelvie Bowling Club Application – N Strachan updated the committee re the application from Belhelvie Bowling Club. During the pandemic the club provided the committee with all additional information requested during their previous application. This was reviewed remotely by the committee and funding was approved. Funding was provided as per previous application.

### VENTIENT ENERGY UPDATE

Jon Priddy has taken over as the contact for Ventient Energy. He has been in communication via email with the Secretary. Jon was unable to attend this meeting. No further update was available.

### APPLICATIONS:

All applications were received remotely and the relevant groups contacted in advance for additional information. All groups were informed of the result following the meeting. J Jones and W Grant submitted their votes remotely. Mrs MacArthur did not vote in advance and was not present at the meeting

The following applications were discussed:

Ref	Description	Group	Awarded	Votes
92	Laptop Charging Station	Foveran School	£500	9 Approved 0 Abstained
93	iPads and Case	Foveran School	£686.80	9 Approved 0 Abstained
94	Defibrillator	Fancier Foveran	£500	9 Approved 0 Abstained
95	Outdoor Learning Resources	Cultercullen Primary	£1775.98	9 Approved 0 Abstained
		<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>£3462.78</b>	

All applications were approved.

There was a discussion on the constitution and the types of applications that can be funded. S Watt confirmed that the fund cannot be used to fund rent, utility bills, staffing costs, food, basic running costs etc. Items that may be used by a group but have a finite lifespan are not considered as consumables and can be applied for. This applies to some items of outdoor learning resources applied for by Cultercullen Primary.

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT (S Watt)**

Susan Watt thanked everyone for attending via Teams. The committee was informed that it is likely that virtual meetings will be the means of communication for the foreseeable future and at least until summer 2021. She urged all committee members to attend meetings via Teams wherever possible. The hall and school are currently unavailable for the use of adult groups and this will be reviewed in line with Scottish Government Guidelines as they are published.

Mrs Watt praised the committees approach to supporting community groups having distributed over £25000 over the past 2 years.

**TREASURERS REPORT and Adoption of Accounts:**

Judith McKenzie advised the account was currently standing at £21,376. The committee was urged to encourage community groups that they were aware of or in contact with to apply for funding.

The accounts have been audited by L McKenzie and have been approved as accurate. The accounts were adopted. Mrs McKenzie is happy to be the Independent Financial Examiner for the next financial year.

**RENEWAL OF WEB DOMAIN**

Payment was approved

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

All existing committee members agreed to remain on the committee.

The following roles were agreed:

- Chairperson: Susan Watt
- Treasurer: Judith McKenzie
- Secretary: Nicky Strachan

**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: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 1900 hrs via Teams– applications to be submitted by 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Applications Submission**

**HOFS Meeting Date**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (Teams)

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (TBC)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021 AGM

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021