

## Hill of Fiddes Community Fund –12<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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



### PRESENT:

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

**APOLOGIES:** George Bruce, Judith McKenzie, Jon Priddy

### MINUTES OF 10<sup>th</sup> February 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:

Nicky Strachan has set up a Facebook Page

All other actions were completed as required.

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

Susan Watt updated the committee on proposed changes to the application form to require all information to be provided at the time of the application and to request follow up pictures and updates of successful bids to be provided. Susan Watt acknowledged that it is a lot of work for the Secretary to chase up each application prior to the meeting and following any successful awards and hopes that updating the form might improve this. The committee agreed to the proposed wording. The new form should be updated and uploaded on to the web site.

**ACTION: Susan Watt to update the form. Adrian Tuckwell to update the website.**

### TREASURERS REPORT:

In the absence of Judith McKenzie, Susan Watt advised the account was currently standing at £23, 131. The final payment for the year has been received and the accounts will be sent to the Independent Auditor Mrs Lindsay McKenzie to be audited prior to the AGM in August.

### 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
102	Lawn Mower	Nicer Newburgh	£431.10	2 Approved 7 Rejected  No award
103	Planters	Cultercullen School Eco Group (Laura MacArthur present to discuss the bid)	£471.26	8 Approved 1 Abstained

105	IT Equipment	Cultercullen Primary (Laura MacArthur present to discuss the bid)	£4119.65	8 Approved 1 Abstained
106	Benches at Foveran Park	Fancier Foveran/Foveran School (Marion Joyce attended the meeting)	£2002.42	9 Approved 0 Abstained
107	Foveran Hall Kitchen	Foveran Hall Committee (Ann Howley was due to attend but the Teams invitation was rejected by server)	£2500	9 Approved In Principle 0 Abstained
108	IT Equipment	Udny Green School	£2000	1 Approved 7 Declined 1 Abstained
104	Shed	Cultercullen Community Garden (Kenny Innes present)	£1500	9 Approved 0 Declined
		<u>Total Awarded</u>	£8093.33 (+ Foveran Hall Kitchen)	

Of the 7 applications 4 bids were approved outright; Cultercullen Primary(IT Equipment), Cultercullen Primary (Eco Group), Cultercullen Community Garden (Shed) and Fancier Foveran/Foveran School (Benches).

The bid for benches for Fancier Foveran was amended as the cost of the benches decreased. This was agreed via email after the meeting.

The bid for Foveran Hall Kitchen was discussed. The application did not include 2 quotes which for a large application is a requirement. In addition the application did not specify the amount of money requested. The application was agreed in principle once a second quote has been obtained and a specific amount has been applied for. If this bid exceeds the amount originally requested then this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**ACTION: N Strachan to provide feedback and circulate additional information when received.**

The bid for a lawnmower was received from Nicer Newburgh and was thoroughly discussed by the group. Although the bid was below £500 it was felt that as this was outwith the area for funding as defined by the Funding Zone and there was no significant benefit to the community within the fund zone that the bid would be declined.

**ACTION: N Strachan to provide feedback**

The bid for Udny Green School was discussed. Udny Green School is not within the Funding Zone however a small amount of their pupils reside within the zone. The school had applied for matched funding from the Udny Community Wind Turbine however had not received notification of success at the time of the meeting and therefore were unable to confirm match funding. The committee felt that as matched funding was not confirmed and the proportion of the bid was not in line with the number of pupils from within the Funding Zone that the bid should be declined. Feedback was provided and further applications encouraged should they be successful in obtaining addition funding and they amended their bid to reflect the proportion of children from the Funding Zone.

**ACTION: N Strachan to provide feedback**

#### **FOVERAN NEWSLETTER**

Janet Jones advised the committee that the newsletter was going to be published in print form again following the COVID-19 pandemic. She would like an article to be submitted by 7th July 2021.

**ACTION: N Strachan to draft an article and submit**

#### **NOTICEBOARD**

Adrian Tuckwell noted that the notice board in Udney Station needs to be updated with latest meeting information. Susan Watt is to find a key to update the board.

**ACTION: S Watt to update Udney Station Noticeboard**

**AOB**

Willie Grant requested that the next meeting be held face to face. Susan Watt explained that this will be decided closer to the time and will consider government guidelines. Currently the school building and the hall cannot be used as they are used for educational purposes. It may be possible to have a meeting with some members online and some in person but this will be decided on closer to the time. In general most people were happy with online meetings.

**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 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 1900 via Teams. This meeting will be the AGM.

**Applications Submission**

**HOFS Meeting Date**

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