

Hill of Fiddes Community Fund – AGM 20th August 2019

The meeting was called to order by Susan Watt at 1900 hrs at Udry Station Community Hall



PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: Tony McCombie

MINUTES OF 15th May 2019:

Review previous meeting minutes – Agreed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING and CHAIRPERSON REPORT:

The next submission date for Foveran News is 7th November 2019. If pictures are sent in these need to be high resolution pictures.

ACTION: N Strachan to submit article to Foveran News

Application form on web site to be updated to include a section for total amount required (including other funding sources), links to additional information/invoices and to encourage groups to attend the meeting.

ACTION: Adrian Tuckwell to update the website and application form.

Susan Watt, Nicky Strachan and Eric Buchan attended Foveran School to find out how they had spent their funding from the wind turbine. This was a very successful visit with the children updating the group on their activities.

Susan Watt explained that Mr Williams, Headteacher Foveran School, had indicated that despite receiving money from the group for football strips they now are unsure if they need this funding. It was agreed that he should be contacted and encouraged to identify items that would provide the school with PE/health and well being equipment and this could be an alternative use of the money. He is to provide invoices for these items.

ACTION: Nicky Strachan to contact Mr Williams and identify how they intend to spend this money

Susan Watt discussed that the diversity of groups applying has increased and this should be further encouraged. If anyone knows of any other groups who may be eligible to apply they should be encouraged to put together an application.

TREASURERS REPORT and Adoption of Accounts:

Judith McKenzie advised the account was currently standing at £12,684 with £14,753 having been distributed this financial year. The accounts have been audited by the independent auditor and signed off. The accounts were formally adopted. Mrs Lindsay McKenzie is happy to audit the accounts next year.

APPLICATIONS:

The Chairperson advised that 1 application for funding had been received prior to cut-off date.

Copies of the applications had been emailed to the management committee in advance of the meeting.

The following applications were accepted:

Ref	Description	Group	Awarded	Votes
	Learning resources for upper classes to support the curriculum	Cultercullen School	£482.70	9 Approved 1 Abstained
		<u>Total Awarded</u>	£482.70	

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Applicants linked to the applications abstained from voting as noted above.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMEBERS

Susan Watt indicated she was happy to continue as chairperson as did Nicky Strachan and Judith McKenzie as Secretary and Treasurer. This was voted on and approved unanimously.

The Committee was elected as indicated:

Chairperson	Susan Watt
Treasurer	Judith McKenzie
Secretary	Nicky Strachan

It was identified that since Liz Hancock had left the group there was a gap in representation from Cultercullen. Nicky Strachan is to contact Liz to identify an alternative. The rest of the committee was encouraged to identify potential candidates.

ACTION: Nicky Strachan to contact Liz Hancock and ask if she had a suggestion for an alternative representative from Cultercullen

AOB

Mrs Scott asked about the possibility of a tour of the turbines for the school. This can be arranged via Tony McCombie. Nicky to forward contact details to Mrs Scott for Ventient Energy.

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 will be held on Wednesday 20th November 2019 at Udney Station Community Centre at 7.00pm. The cut off date for applications is 6th November 2019.