

Hill of Fiddes Community Fund Minutes –10th November 2021

The meeting was called to order by Susan Watt at 1945 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), Nicola Strachan (Secretary), Adrian Tuckwell, Eric Buchan, Calum Davidson, Willie Grant, Janet Jones, Colin Duncan, Laura MacArthur

APOLOGIES: Jon Priddy (Ventient), Colin Duncan (Udny Community Council)

MINUTES OF 17th August 2021:

Review previous meeting minutes – Agreed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING:

Susan Watt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Update on Ellon Skate Park – N Strachan updated the committee re the enquiry from Ellon Skatepark. They have completed the feasibility study for the park and are now in the process of drawing up formal plans. Currently as this is a project that has not received planning permission nor is there any capital investment at the current time this does not fall within the funding requirements for this group. Nicky Strachan explained that she had discussed the funding criteria of the committee and encouraged them to apply when they are applying for funding for capital expenditure for the project.

Update on Allocation of Funding Query by Willie Grant – S Watt explained that she had been in contact with Jon Priddy of Ventient Energy to obtain clarification as to how funding was allocated. Jon confirmed this was index linked and provided a spreadsheet of the funds allocated. W Grant accepted that the information provided answered his query and this action can now be closed.

VENTIENT ENERGY UPDATE

Jon was unable to attend this meeting however he wanted to thank the committee for their efforts in distributing the funding requests so efficiently. Ventient Energy now require updates on the projects provided to be submitted every 3/6 months. This should include feedback from the relevant groups and any photos so all committee members should promote this. No further update was available. Nicky Strachan was thanked for undertaking this.

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
109	Talking Buttons	Foveran School	£281.71	9 approved 0 declined Award granted
110	Loose Parts Play/Mini Bricks	Udny Station Playgroup	£431.99	9 approved 0 declined Award granted
111	Kitchen	Foveran hall	£2500	9 approved 0 declined Award granted
		<u>Total Awarded</u>	£3213.70	

All bids received met the funding criteria for the group and were unanimously approved.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT (S Watt)

Susan Watt thanked everyone for attending via Teams and for their efforts in supporting the committee during the past year.

Susan Watt explained that she had contact George Bruce to thank him for his efforts whilst being on the committee. She has not heard back from him.

Susan Watt explained that she had written to Euan, Kirsty, Rebecca and Jess McKenzie offering the committees condolences following the sad passing of Judith McKenzie. She thanked them for Judith’s commitment to the work of the committee during her years as Treasurer of the Committee.

Susan Watt thanked Adrian Tuckwell for his work updating the website with pictures of recently awarded projects and Nicky Strachan for updating Foveran News and the Facebook page.

Susan Watt reminded everyone to promote the group and the encourage local groups to apply for funding.

TREASURERS REPORT (Calum Davidson)

Calum updated the committee that the current balance of the fund is £22, 750.53 with the next payment pending.

No queries were raised in relation to the accounts.

AOCB

Mrs MacArthur asked if the committee members would consider completing a questionnaire from the school regarding their role in the community. Members agreed to complete this when it is forwarded.

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 9th February 2022 at 1900 hrs via Teams– applications to be submitted by 30th January 2022

Applications Submission

HOFS Meeting Date

Sunday 1st May 2022

Wednesday 11th May 2022

Tuesday 23rd August 2022

Wednesday 31st August 2022

Sunday 30th October 2022

Wednesday 9th November 2022