

## Hill of Fiddes Community Fund Committee Meeting– 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022

The meeting was called to order by Susan Watt at 1900 hrs via Microsoft Teams meeting. This meeting was held at Cultercullen Primary.



### PRESENT:

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

**APOLOGIES:** Adrian Tuckwell, Colin Duncan, Dave Hancock, Jon Priddy (Ventient)

Adrian Tuckwell had provided his votes for the applications in absentia.

### MINUTES OF 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022:

Review previous meeting minutes – Agreed as correct.

### MATTERS ARISING:

Susan Watt welcomed everyone to the meeting. This is the first in person meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Susan Watt had received an email from Ventient Energy in relation to payments. Jon Priddy clarified the Aberdeenshire Community Fund is calculated as an annual payment contribution of £2,812.00, which is index-linked to the month preceding payment. It is calculated to 31 May annually and index-linking in April every year. Hill of Fiddes Community Fund is an annual fund of £11,088.00, which is index-linked to the month preceding payment. Following discussions, Susan Watt to seek further clarification.

**ACTION: S Watt to contact Jon Priddy for further clarification.**

**VENTIENT ENERGY UPDATE – no update was provided.**

### 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. No declarations of member interests were made. Cultercullen Community Garden application for planters at £806.20 was approved after the meeting of 31 August 2022 following an email clarifying additional information on match funding.

The following applications were discussed:

Ref	Description	Group	Application	Votes	Decision
138	Dog Agility Equipment	Scentral Bark	£500	8 declined 0 approved	Declined due the fact that this is a private business.
139	Magnetic Construction Set	Udny Station Playgroup	£500 of £578	8 approved 0 declined	Awarded
140	ICT Resources/Rug	Udny Station Playgroup	£266	8 approved 0 declined	Awarded
141	Sink	Udny Station Playgoup	£500	8 approved 0 declined	Awarded
		<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>£1266</b>		

### CHAIRPERSON REPORT (S Watt)

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

Susan Watt informed the committee that James Harrison, the landowner who farms the land where the wind turbines are located, has been in contact with Jon Priddy at Ventient Energy and expressed an interest in being involved in the group. Susan Watt

explained that under the constitution he can only become a member of the committee if nominated during the AGM. In the mean time he can attend meetings as a member of the public and can view minutes as published. Susan Watt to respond to his email.

**ACTION: S Watt to contact Mr James Harrison to respond to his query about the committee.**

Susan Watt explained that the Udney Community Council have invited the committee to attend their next meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November to explain the fund and the application process. Susan Watt and Nicky Strachan will attend this meeting.

**ACTION: S Watt and N Strachan to attend Udney Community Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

#### **TREASURERS REPORT (C Davidson):**

Calum Davidson explained that the fund currently had £16600 in the bank account. All cheques from previously successful bids have been cashed. The next payment to the fund is due to be received in November 2022.

#### **AOCB**

No items for consideration were raised.

#### **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 15th February 2023 at 1900 hrs via Teams – applications to be submitted by 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

The following proposed dates for 2023 were put forward

#### **Applications Submission**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### **HOFS Meeting Date**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Wednesday- 31<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (AGM)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023