

## Hill of Fiddes Community Fund Committee Meeting– 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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



### PRESENT:

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

**APOLOGIES:** Adrian Tuckwell, Colin Duncan, Jon Priddy (Ventient), Willie Grant

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

### MINUTES OF 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Review previous meeting minutes – Agreed as correct.

### MATTERS ARISING:

Susan Watt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Susan Watt explained that she had contacted Mr Harrison who had requested to attend the meetings. She had not had any response to this request but would ensure that he was invited to the August meeting.

Susan Watt and Nicola Strachan attended the Udney Community Council Meeting to explain the role of the fund and how applications can be made. This was a good opportunity to encourage applications from new groups.

**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.

Nicola Strachan explained that the application on the agenda from Junior Parkrun had been withdrawn as they had been successful in obtaining the funding from alternative sources.

The following applications were discussed:

Ref	Description	Group	Application	Votes	Decision
142	Garden Equipment	Udney Station Playgroup	£266.51	8 approved 0 approved	Awarded
143	Magnetic Construction Set	Udney Station Playgroup	£357.97	8 approved 0 declined	Awarded
144	Laptop	Udney Station Playgroup	£449.00	8 approved 0 declined	Awarded
		<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>£1073.48</b>		

It was confirmed during the meeting that the laptop that Udney Station Playgroup applied for is to be used by an employee of the playgroup and remains the property of the Playgroup. They were reminded to send photographs of the items funded at the previous meetings.

All bids were awarded and informed of the outcome on the night.

### 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 discussed that there were less bids this month however this is standard for February. She encouraged the committee to publicise the fund to local groups and encourage applications. She will continue to chase applicants to pictures to allow publicity to be undertaken.

**TREASURERS REPORT (C Davidson):**

Calum Davidson explained that the fund currently had £19, 717.91 in the bank account. All cheques from previously successful bids have been cashed.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 1900 hrs at Udney Station Community Hall – applications to be submitted by 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The following dates for 2023 applications was approved.

**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>st</sup> August 2023 (AGM)

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