

Hill of Fiddes Community Fund Committee Meeting– 17th May 2023

The meeting was called to order by Susan Watt at 1900 at Udney Station Hall.



PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: Colin Duncan, Jon Priddy (Ventient), Laura MacArthur

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

MINUTES OF 16th February 2023

Review previous meeting minutes – Agreed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING:

Susan Watt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

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Nicola Strachan explained that the application on the agenda from Junior Parkrun had been withdrawn as they had been successful in obtaining the funding from alternative sources.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
145	3 planters	Cultercullen Park	£462.75	7 approved 0 declined	Awarded
146	Aprons and Hats	Newburgh Gala	£290.00	6 approved 1 declined	Awarded
147	Kitchen Equipment	Udney Station Playgroup	£430.35	7 approved 0 declined	Awarded
148	4 sided easel	Udney Station Playgroup	£284.95	7 approved 0 declined	Awarded
149	Safety Webbing	Udney Station Playgroup	£435.80	7 approved 0 declined	Awarded
150	Energy Improvement	Udney Station Community Hall	£8631.40		Delayed application
151	Microphone	Cultercullen School	£315	7 approved 0 declined	Awarded
152	P1/2 Play Equipment	Cultercullen School	£500	7 approved 0 declined	Awarded
		Total Awarded	£2718.40		

All bids indicated above were awarded the full amount of their applications and this was notified to the groups following the meeting.

The committee discussed the number of applications received from Udney Station Playgroup each meeting all of which fall below the £500 threshold and therefore require no matched funding. The committee concluded that Mrs Watt should remind Udney Station

Playgroup of the constitution of the committee and given the value of funds applied for that they should be able to demonstrate some element of matched funding.

Prior to the meeting the Udney Station Community Hall group indicated that they were not in a position to formally apply for the requested funding. This is because they have applied for government funding and require further quotes and information prior to being able to finalise their application. They attended the meeting to discuss the principles of their bid. The committee are minded to approve this type of application and would welcome future applications for this work.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT (S Watt)

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

Mrs Watt informed the committee that there was a new secretary of Udney Station Community Council as Colin Duncan has resigned. They will be invited to attend future meetings.

TREASURERS REPORT (C Davidson):

Calum Davidson explained that the fund currently had £23, 007.61 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 31st August 2023 at 1900 hrs at Udney Station Community Hall – applications to be submitted by Sunday 20th August 2023. This will be the AGM.

The following dates for 2023 applications were approved.

Applications Submission

Sunday 20th August 2023

Sunday 5th November 2023

HOFS Meeting Date

Wednesday 31th August 2023 (AGM)

Wednesday 15th November 2023