

Hill of Fiddes Community Fund –19th November 2019

The meeting was called to order by Susan Watt at 1930 hrs at Udney Station Community Hall



PRESENT:

Susan Watt (Chair), Judith Mackenzie (Treasurer), Nicola Strachan (Secretary), George Bruce, Adrian Tuckwell, Nicole Scott, Willie Grant

APOLOGIES: Tony McCombie, Gavin Lippit, Eric Buchan, Janet Jones

MINUTES OF 20th August 2019:

Review previous meeting minutes – Agreed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING and CHAIRPERSON REPORT:

Nicky Strachan submitted an article to Foveran News for the next publication. Janet Jones to confirm next submission date.

ACTION: N Strachan to submit article to Foveran News, J Jones to confirm submission date.

Adrian Tuckwell has updated the online application form. It was highlighted that wherever possible all applications should come in via the online route. Committee members are to advise this if asked by potential applicants.

Liz Hancock has confirmed that she does not wish to represent Cultercullen on the committee. Willie Grant is to ask at the Community Council meeting. If no one is forthcoming then Susan Watt is to identify a potential member from Cultercullen.

ACTION: W Grant to ask Community Council for a representative from Cultercullen community. If not Susan Watt to pursue other options.

Susan Watt indicated that the Headteacher at Foveran Primary had changed and they had decided they were unable to use the money they had received for a football strip. This money has been returned to the fund..

TREASURERS REPORT and Adoption of Accounts:

Judith McKenzie advised the account was currently standing at £15,821.36 with a further deposit due from Ventient.

APPLICATIONS:

An error had occurred following the last meeting where it was noted that an application for funding from Udney Station Playgroup had been missed despite it being submitted prior to the submission date. This was assessed by the committee via email and as a result the playgroup received £500 of funding for a mobile sink for the children to wash their hands in. This was passed by all committee members.

Eric Buchan was absent but has submitted his votes for each applicant in advance. The following applications were accepted:

Ref	Description	Group	Awarded	Votes
	Cooker	Udney Station Community Hall	£459.00	7 Approved 1 Abstained
	Event Shelter	Aberdeenshire Schools Pipe Band	£488.92	6 Approved 2 Abstained
	Shed	Udney Station Playgroup	£291.99	See note below
	Laptops	Cultercullen Primary	£3850.00	7 Approved 1 Abstained
	Planters	Udney Amenities Group	£1138.60	6 Approved 2 Abstained

		<u>Total Awarded</u>	£5936.55	
--	--	----------------------	----------	--

Post Meeting Update: Udney Station Playgroup Application

An application was received from Udney Station Playgroup for £291.99 for a Shed to store outdoor play equipment. The Playgroup committee had been invited to attend the meeting however were not present. The application was thoroughly discussed and there were a number of questions raised in relation to the application:

- Formal permission had not been sought from the Udney Community Hall Committee
- Formal permission had not been sought from the Udney Amenities Group
- The amount requested and the amount on the invoice differed and clarification was required to determine the correct amount – the different was under £20.
- Clarification was sought as to if this amount included money for foundations etc or if the Playgroup would fund this.

The application was approved in principle by all in attendance provided the above points were addressed.

Following the meeting clarification was sought in relation to these points from Udney Station Playgroup Chairperson. During this clarification the amounts requested were amended as an additional £109 was required for delivery. In light of this significant change in the value requested and the lack of clarity on other points the decision was taken to delay award of this amount until the next meeting to further clarify these points and to allow the playgroup time to address any issues identified. This was communicated to the Playgroup via email on 21st November 2019 where they were invited to attend the next meeting to answer any questions from the committee.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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

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 meetings for 2020 were agreed as:

Applications Submission

HOFS Meeting Date

Saturday 8th Feb 2020

Wednesday 12th Feb 2020 (Udney Station hall)

Saturday 8th May 2020

Wednesday 13th May 2020 (Cultercullen School)

Saturday 15th Aug 2020

Tuesday 18th Aug 2020 AGM (Udney Station Hall)

Saturday 7th Nov 2020

Wednesday 11th November 2020 (Udney Station Hall)