

## Hill of Fiddes Community Fund AGM– 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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



### PRESENT:

Susan Watt (Chair), Nicola Strachan (Secretary), Eric Buchan, Willie Grant, Dave Hancock, Gillian Newlands (Cultercullen Primary), Janet Jones, Calum Davidson (Treasurer), Katherine Prager (Foveran Community Council)

**APOLOGIES:** Adrian Tuckwell

### MINUTES OF 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024:

Review previous meeting minutes – Agreed as correct.

### MATTERS ARISING:

S Watt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. N Strachan was thanked for producing the minutes.

S Watt introduced Katherine Prager who attended on behalf of Foveran Community Council to find out more information about the operation of the committee, along with its constitution and guidance.

Discussions were held with the main points listed below:

- K Prager clarified the roles of the people on the committee and how they came about being involved in the committee;
- Discussions held regarding the involvement of Udney Community Council within the Hill of Fiddes Community Fund committee and the boundaries of the funding;
- The role of the wind turbine company was discussed including the due process undertaken for bids submitted, the decision making in line with the constitution and guidance and applicants being informed of the decision taken;
- S Watt explained that the fund is aimed at providing money for capital expenditure for groups that are eligible to apply, which meets the requirements of the constitution and guidance of the Hill of Fiddes Community Fund;
- S Watt confirmed she provided Foveran Community Council with a copy of all minutes of meetings once they had been approved by the committee. S Watt queried the location of the published Foveran Community Council minutes and advised she had asked the secretary of Foveran Community Council for copies;
- K Prager queried whether the committee feel revisions to the constitution or guidance would be required. The committee agreed no revisions were required except to update due to the rebranding to Nadara.
- S Watt confirmed that if Foveran Community Council have any suggestive revisions to Hill of Fiddes Community Fund's constitution, this needs to be submitted in writing and would require approval by two thirds of the Hill of Fiddes Community Fund committee.
- K Prager explained that she will feedback to Foveran Community Council at their September meeting.

**ACTION: S Watt to confirm with Udney Community Council a point of contact for future communications**

### VENTIENT ENERGY UPDATE:

S Watt referred to a previous email regarding the merging of Ventient and Rentants Energy, and rebranded as Nardara, with the requirement to update the documentation and website, and inform Foveran Community Council of the revisions. S Watt to confirm contacts for communications going forward and seek relevant information due to rebranding.

**ACTION: S Watt to confirm contacts for Wind Turbine Company**

**APPLICATIONS:**

The following application was received this month. The applicant had provided additional information to support their application and they were informed of the result following the meeting.

The following application was discussed:

Ref	Description	Group	Application	Votes	Decision
	Planters	Cultercullen Community Park	£468.00	7 approved 1 Abstained (DH declared an interest) 0 Against	Approved
		<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>£468.00</b>		

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT (S Watt)**

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

Susan Watt reflected on the drop in applications to the fund for this round. In order to try to encourage further applications Mrs Watt will email all previous applicants to remind them of the availability of the fund and the criteria for funding.

**TREASURERS REPORT and Adoption of Accounts:**

Susan Watt presented the audited accounts to the committee (attached), listing some of the funding over the financial year.

The accounts have been audited by L McKenzie and have been approved as accurate. No questions were raised, and the accounts were adopted. Mrs McKenzie is happy to be the Independent Financial Examiner for the next financial year.

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

All existing committee members agreed to remain on the committee and this was unanimously approved.

The following roles were agreed:

- Chairperson: Susan Watt
- Treasurer: Calum Davidson
- Secretary: Nicky Strachan

**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 13th November 2024 at 1900 hrs at Udney Station Community Hall – applications to be submitted by 3rd November 2024**

The following proposed dates for 2025 were put forward and agreed:

Applications Submission	HOFS Meeting Date
9th February 2025	19th February 2025
4th May 2025	14th May 2025
17th August 2025	27th August 2025 (AGM)
2nd November 2025	12th November 2025