

## Hill of Fiddes Community Fund – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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



### PRESENT:

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

### APOLOGIES:

Jon Priddy (Ventient), Jenny Chalmers (Cultercullen Primary), Adrian Tuckwell and Willie Grant

### MINUTES OF 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024

Review previous meeting minutes – Agreed as correct.

### MATTERS ARISING:

Susan Watt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

### 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.

The following applications were discussed:

Dave Hancock declared an interest in the Cultercullen Community Park bid and abstained from voting.

Ref	Description	Group	Application	Votes	Decision
157	Signage	Ellon Wheel Park	£1980.00	6 approved	Approved
163	Equipment and Coach	Foveran School (Active Schools)	£500.00	6 approved	Approved
159	Harling	Udny Station Community Hall	£2050.00	6 approved	Approved
158	Energy Saving Measures	Udny Station Community Hall	£7180.49	6 approved	Approved
160	Benches	Cultercullen School	£900.00	6 approved	Approved
161	Planters	Cultercullen Community Park	£468.00	5 approved	Approved
		<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>£13078.49</b>		

There was no one present from the bid for equipment and coaching at Foveran School so some clarification questions could not be answered on the night. The committee agreed that once this information had been provided then the committee could consider the bid prior to the next meeting. Information was provided by an email dated 16 May 2024 and the bid voted by the committee was approved on 11 June 2024.

### 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 increase in applications received at the meeting. She confirmed that previous applicants had been emailed to remind them of the availability and the criteria for funding. Posters have been displayed at various locations. She encouraged all members to promote the fund to local groups to encourage further applications. Discussions were held following an email received from Foveran Community Council on 27 March 2024 and subsequent correspondence with committee member, Katherine Prager who was invited to the meeting. However, she was unable to attend. She was then invited to the AGM on 28 August 2024, but no reply had been received.

**Action: Susan Watt to invite a member of Foveran Community Council to the AGM**

Susan Watt stated that Adrian Tuckwell was due domain and internet fees – payment of this was approved unanimously.

Lindsay McKenzie has agreed to again audit the accounts prior to the AGM.

Susan Watt requested that Adrian provides the file for the logo of the committee to Cath Smart to be included in signage at the skate park in Ellon.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Susan Watt presented the accounts to the committee. She explained that the current balance was £35,362.59 in the account prior to tonight's bids. No questions were raised.

#### **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 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 1900 hrs at Udney Station Village Hall – applications to be submitted by 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

The following proposed dates for 2024 are:

#### **Applications Submission**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

#### **HOFS Meeting Date**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (AGM)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024