

Minutes of the Meeting of Lucky Ewe Trustees held on Monday, 7th June 2021 at 19:00 at Reivers Cottage, Cupar Muir

Present: Joan Brown (Chair), Jill Dawson (Treasurer), Alana Paterson-Brown, Libby Elliot, Richard Young and Mary Gibbon (Secretary)

Attending: Duncan Pickard

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising and the previous Minutes were approved.

Agenda

Item 1: Welcome

Joan welcomed Dr Duncan Pickard to the meeting. Duncan has kindly agreed to help Lucky Ewe with drawing up a Business Plan relevant to our Community Asset Transfer request.

Item 2: Farm Update

Joan reported that milking has now started. There is a need for a new milking trailer as the present one is increasingly unfit for purpose. Libby agreed to email contacts in Rumania who may be able to source a portable trailer.

Our new stock tunnel will be opened by our winner of the “name the lambs” competition on Saturday, 19th June 2021 at 11:00 am. Joan will check that this is a suitable date for our winner and invited guests. [Another date will be arranged as this date is not suitable]

Item 3: Grant and Financial Update

The grant for £3000 from the University of St Andrews Local Community Fund has now been received. We are seeking to improve the area within and around the new stock tunnel as some of our beneficiaries find uneven or slippery surfaces difficult to negotiate. The grant will provide for rubber matting and go towards costs for laying/levelling the ground and labour. Joan and Jill will source suitable outlets.

Lucky Ewe has received £5000 from the STV Group PLC: Scottish Children’s Lottery (Chance to Study). This will go towards funding of employee salaries.

Item 4: Communication with NHS Fife

There is concern that we have had no response since May from NHS Fife regarding the community asset transfer.

As requested by NHS Fife, Lucky Ewe has changed particular points in the constitution to facilitate validation. The changes were approved by OSCR and returned to Christopher Van Reitelde on 13th May 2021.

A Special Members Meeting arranged for the 21st June 2021 for discussion/ approval

of these changes may now have to be cancelled if there continues to be no response from NHS Fife.

It was agreed to continue liaison with Valerie Muir from NHS Fife, who is proving helpful.

Joan will seek a meeting with the Anchor Institution Board which has been established in NHS Fife. This group:

“will explore our ambitions in relation to local employment opportunities, particularly youth employment; procurement of local services; environmental impact and sustainability; as well as maximising our estate and property assets.

“...also help to cement our approach to partnership working and active collaboration with organisations and communities across Fife. I hope this will ensure we embed an ethos and ongoing contribution to the wider wellbeing agenda across Fife with our public, third and voluntary sector and private sector partner”

- Chief Executive NHS Fife

It is hoped that, as the aspirations evinced above echo the ethos of Lucky Ewe in terms of *“local employment opportunities and partnership working ...with communities across Fife,”* a fruitful relationship could be established.

Item 5: Business Plan for Stratheden

The meeting discussed the need for a viable business plan to take Lucky Ewe forward in its plans for the Stratheden land.

It was agreed that a sub-committee, consisting of Duncan, Libby, Richard and Mary, be formed to develop this. Joan will email Duncan the *Bridgend Inspiring Growth* plan which is an example of the type of business plan Lucky Ewe could produce.

A progress report from the sub-committee will be submitted by 30th June, 2021.

Any Other Business

Libby reported that she has had no response from FVA; however she will contact fellow artist Nicky Cairney of *Little Book Artworks* to discuss a Lucky Ewe Felting Pack.

Jill reported that Rathbone have closed down, but she is contacting similar organisations, including Skills Development Scotland.

There was no other business and the meeting finished at 21:30.

The next Trustee Meeting will be held on Monday, 5th July, 2021 at 19:00 (venue tba)