

Minutes of the General Meeting of Lucky Ewe held at 19:00 on Monday, 4th October 2021 at Reivers Cottage, Cuparmuir and via Zoom.

Present: Joan Brown (Chair), Alana Paterson-Brown, Jill Dawson, Libby Elliot, Jen Gallier, Lorna Hirst, Mary E. Robertson, Richard Young and Mary Gibbon (Secretary)

Attending: Anna Chworow, Duncan Pickard

Apologies: Pete Beaver, John Bonington, Jenny Donaghue, Alyssa Gowans, Andrew Kennedy, Heather Lawson, Patricia Lawson,

Matters Arising

Joan spoke with Chris Van Rietvelde on Friday, 1st October about the Community Asset Transfer request. He indicated that our updated transfer request had been received and was beginning to be processed.

Two interns and Alana are interested in being interviewed by the Sunday Post. Libby will check with Heather from Camelot that this is still viable.

Item 1: Recruiting trustees and new members

The Meeting discussed how we could attract new members and trustees. We need to recruit for three areas in particular: supporting volunteers, fundraising and cheese-making.

It was agreed that:

- new members, particularly interested in fundraising, making cheese or supporting volunteers, could tick a relevant box on the forms provided on the Lucky Ewe website
- a bulletin will be sent out to all Lucky Ewe contacts emphasising those areas where we most need input. Mary will facilitate this.
- put out a call on Facebook
- contact Fife Young Farmers for interest. Richard will liaise.

Item 2: The Rotary Club of the Howe of Fife fundraising project

Libby explained how we could raise £500 by taking part in selling Albert Bartlett Rooster potatoes (tatties) kindly provided by Howe of Fife Rotary Club. The 7.5 k bags of potatoes retail at £5.00 a bag. Trustees agreed to sell 100 bags and all monies, £500, would go to Lucky Ewe. Libby will facilitate this excellent venture.

Item 3: Fundraising Committee

It was agreed that a fundraising committee should be formed to take forward projects of the type outlined in our Business Plan: *Fundraising 4.4 and 4.5*. We hope that new members may be interested in being part of this (see Item 1 above).

Item 4: Meatlinec Tup

Lucky Ewe's new tup is arriving this week. He has been purchased from George Allison of Meatlinec Scotland, Greens Farm, Newbigging. George has generously sold

the shearling tup, which would normally cost £650, to Lucky Ewe for £200 and asks that we consider the £450 saving as a donation from Greens Farm as he 'likes what we are doing at Lucky Ewe'. Lucky Ewe thanks him for his generosity.

Lucky Ewe is holding a *Name the Tup* competition on Facebook to welcome our new addition and Howe of Fife Rotary Club, who kindly provided the donation of £450 towards purchase, are invited to Lucky Ewe to meet him.

Item 5: Bonnyton Update

It was agreed that Lucky Ewe Charity pay a services fee of £30.00 per month to Pete Beaver, the owner of Bonnyton. Pete has been a consistently generous and patient landlord to Lucky Ewe and trustees are grateful for his continuing support.

Item 6: Treasurer's Report

Jill reported that all was going forward to present the accounts for December 2021. Anna has offered to design an Excel Spreadsheet and Sue Jack will audit for a small fee.

Item 7: Education Report

Jen reported on the ongoing work with interns at Lucky Ewe. We have eighteen interns, all referrals from various sources, and with a good mix of individuals and groups. More referrals and enquiries from partnerships and volunteers are coming in.

Drystone walling and wool work projects are going ahead and the Meeting discussed future projects such as running workshops catering for particular interests as suggested by interns and volunteers.

It was agreed that this should be further explored as part of a structure to cater for our increasing internships.

Any Other Business

- Wilder Ways Fife (Forest School group)

“ Wilder Ways is a rites of passage school run weekly for young people aged 12-16. Since 2017 Wilder Ways has been offering place based education with a diversity of approaches. We have a woodland base camp on Falkland Estate, Fife and we also wander widely throughout Fife and Scotland.”

(Wilder Ways website)

It was agreed to invite a group from the above enterprise, who are interested in attending Lucky Ewe perhaps for a short series of workshops, to visit Bonnyton. There is scope here for charging a fee if workshops are run.

It was also agreed that Peter Ananin, (www.woodlandtannery.co.uk), a traditional tanner who works with sheep skin, would be a useful contact for Lucky Ewe and its wool projects.

There was no other business and the meeting finished at 20:30.