

Minutes of the Meeting of Lucky Ewe Trustees held at 19:00 on Monday, 24th January 2022 at 15 Ceres Rd, Cupar and via Zoom.

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

Attending: Anna Chworow

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising

Item 1: Fundraising - Going Forward

It was agreed to terminate, within twenty-eight days as required, the Lucky Ewe contract with MarcScott Consulting. Trustees agreed that this is now in the best interests of Lucky Ewe. The first two years of fundraising support from MarcScott has been successful in realising substantial grants from various agencies, however trustees agreed that we are now in a position to raise funds on our own behalf and thus retain maximum finances within the charity.

Joan will contact Alex Scott to negotiate termination of the contract and to ascertain any monies outstanding.

Item 2: National Lottery Community Fund: Improving Lives Award

Mary and Joan had a relaxed and useful induction meeting with Corne Storm, Funding Officer and Jennifer Mitchell, Funding Manager, on 21st January to discuss the terms and conditions of the award received.

- There will be a press release in February from the National Lottery about recipients of the award, including photos and quotes; Lucky Ewe can then release their own publicity using the appropriate National Lottery logo
- Funds are paid in January and July of each of the three years
- Itemised accounts must be kept and a full financial report provided each year in January
- The National Lottery must be informed of any planned changes in funding use, for example, recruitment of new staff

Corne and Jennifer stressed that we should not hesitate to contact them for advice regarding the Improving Lives award; Corne will forward information about workshops and training sessions we can attend. Lucky Ewe invited both Corne and Jennifer to visit Bonnyton at the end of March when lambs will be forthcoming.

Item 3: Winter Fundraiser

This was a very successful venture: Lucky Ewe cheese, unique wool decorations and hand-made cards, all created by Lucky Ewe interns and volunteers, were sold at our stall at Teasses Christmas Market on 4th December. Albert Bartlett potatoes, kindly donated by the Howe of Fife Rotary Club were also on sale. In total over £1100 was raised with all proceeds going to Lucky Ewe. Trustees thank Lucky Ewe Education Officers, Jen and Jenny; our Administrator, Alyssa; Libby; Mary Ellen, cheesemaker and Lorna and Joan for their hard work. Special thanks to those

volunteers who manned the stall throughout the day and to Jill who, in one fell swoop, sold forty bags of tatties.

It was agreed to build on the success of the fundraiser and establish a Friends of Lucky Ewe committee to organise fundraising events. We hope to “capture” those interested in being part of this at the Visitor Open Day at Bonnyton on 6th February. Mary will contact *CuparNow* to publicise this and Lorna will advertise on Facebook.

Lucky Ewe also received a cheque for £2,138.51 thanks to Co-op Members. Jill and Joan were delighted to receive the Lucky Ewe cheque on Saturday, 20th November at the Cupar Co-op store.

Item 4: Gannochy Trust

The meeting discussed the terms of our funding of £5000 from the Gannochy Trust. Three Outcomes need to be achieved:

- Improved access to accredited training and learning
- Increased employability and employment options
- Increased leadership and mentoring

To fulfil the terms of Gannochy Trust, we will engage twelve young people who have additional support needs and who will gain work experience with Lucky Ewe. Of those twelve interns, five will begin SQA or Prince’s Trust pre - entry courses leading to accreditation and at least five will gain work experience with other organisations.

Our staff and volunteers will shadow all placements to address any issues that might arise and to assess the potential for employment. Various employment opportunities were discussed, for example, in farm shops, farm cafés and gardening retail. A list of potential partners, including Skills Development Scotland, will be drawn up; Richard agreed to speak to Young Farmers for possible placements.

The meeting noted that supporting the interns on suitable work placements and liaising with placement employers is crucial to project success.

Item 5: PPE

Jill is sourcing PPE and will purchase via funding available from Auchmuty High School.

Item 6: Lucky Ewe Trustee meetings

It was decided to meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 19:00:

Mon 28th February 2022 Mon 28th March 2022 Mon 25th April 2022

Mon 23rd May 2022 Mon 27th June 2022 Mon 25th July 2022

Any Other Business

Mary will liaise with Alyssa to book, via *CuparNow*, a stall at the Farmer’s Market in September 2022.

The meeting closed at 21:00.