

Minutes of the Meeting of Lucky Ewe Trustees held at 19:00 on Monday, 28th February 2022 at 15 Ceres Rd, Cupar.

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

Apologies: Alana Paterson-Brown

Attending: Willie Laing, Anna Chworow

Trustees welcomed Willie Laing to the meeting.

Matters Arising

Mary queried the work experience placements required by the Gannochy Trust: Jill reported that five interns from Auchmuty High School would fulfil Gannochy particulars. Wullie and Libby agreed to investigate contacts for intern work experience.

Item 1: Community Asset Transfer

It was agreed that Joan would contact Chris VanReitvelde requesting an update on the Lucky Ewe asset transfer request.

Item 2: Living Wage Accreditation

It was agreed that Alyssa would apply for Lucky Ewe accreditation from *Living Wage Scotland*. Accreditation costs £60 per year and is a signed licence between the Living Wage Foundation and employers. The *Living Wage* at present is £9.90 per hour for all employees over 18 yrs. Alyssa's wage will be raised to £10 per hour, backdated to January 2022.

Item 3: Power Point Presentation

Jen has created an excellent power point presentation which any Lucky Ewe member can use as part of, for example, a talk about Lucky Ewe to interested parties. This will be particularly useful for a talk arranged at short notice.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Jill reported that the Lucky Ewe current account balance as of 27th February 2022 was £43,352.26.

Severance of the contract with Marcscott Consulting is going ahead: a significant discount on the fees due to Marcscott for the multi-year awards has been achieved. Lucky Ewe offered £3,600 as an end sum and after negotiation, the sum of £4000 was agreed. This has now been paid. A final 10% fee is due to be paid when the £7,500 grant from the Reach Foundation is received. This will complete all monies due to Marcscott.

Anna will set up a cash book to the end of January 2022 for Alyssa to update.

It was agreed that Joan would investigate the purchase of a second hand milking trailer. This is advertised at £7,500 and is based in Anglesey.

Item 5: Farm Report/ Advertising for new post

Joan reported that all ewes, including the AI ewes, are in lamb: an excellent result. Ten dairy lambs are due on 25th March. Ongoing work tasks include constructing raised beds for planting, making bird boxes (five have now been put up) and planting 135 trees - to be received from the Woodland Trust.

The post of Farm Support Worker is now being advertised and ten applications have been received. Joan reminded the meeting that all applicants must have a *Right to Work* in the UK.

Item 6: Facilitated Growth Plan courtesy of the Robertson Trust

The draft copy of the above plan has been received from Pamela Redpath. The meeting with Pamela in February elicited useful and extensive points and was successful in focussing trustee and members' plans for the future. Pamela will provide the completed version after consultation with trustees. This document sets out Lucky Ewe's goals for the coming years in detailed practical terms and will be a very useful aid to Lucky Ewe going forward.

Item 7: Fundraising Committee

Libby suggested that to launch *The Friends of Lucky Ewe* committee, we should have an initial meeting of interested members with the aim of organising a fundraising coffee morning. It was agreed that the meeting would be held at Libby's house on 16th March 2022 from 19:00 to 21:30.

Item 8: Date of Annual General Meeting

It was agreed to hold the AGM on Monday, 25th April 2022 at 19:00 and to invite Bill Arnott of Kilmux Farm to give a short talk at the meeting. Venue to be arranged.

Any Other Business

A stall, sponsored by *CuparNow*, has been booked at Fife Farmers Market in Cupar on Saturday, 17th September 2022.

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