

# **Minutes of the Meeting of Lucky Ewe Trustees held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 19 Crossgate, Cupar and by Zoom at 19:00**

**Trustees present:** Joan Brown (Chair), Alana Paterson-Brown, Jill Dawson (Treasurer), Abby Doig, Libby Elliot, Claudia Marshall and Mary Gibbon (Secretary)

## **Matters Arising**

### **Rural Skills course**

Joan reported that we now have thirteen candidates for the Rural Skills course; this promises well for the second course which we hope to run in late spring 2023. The start date will be on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 10:00 to 15:00 at Bonnyton. Colin and Joan are attending along with Windward Education and would welcome any volunteers who could attend that day.

On Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December the first evening session will be held at SRUC Elmwood Campus in the Computer suite on the ground floor from 17:00 to 19:00. Mary and Joan will attend.

Jen is drawing up 'before and after' feedback forms to show how each candidate has dealt with and benefitted from the course. Jill has provided Princes Trust forms which can be adapted to show the 'journey' travelled.

### **On-site Development Worker**

Joan will take forward advertising for the above post. The new farm-based job will include liaison, volunteering support and feedback gathering.

### **Item 1: Bonnyton update**

All is going well at Bonnyton: Ramsay will finish tuppung on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022, craft items are being created and day-to-tasks continue on the farm. Interns are attending and looking forward to starting the Rural Skills pilot.

### **Item 2: Funding**

- Joan has applied for 25% of our costs for the Christmas Fair from the Fife Events Development Fund.
- We have applied to the David Doig fund (Foundation Scotland) for the cost of our second Rural Skills course in May 2023.
- The end of year Report for the Robertson Trust and the Year 2 application for FVA have both been completed and returned.
- A meeting to organise future funding applications and feedback reports will take place in January 2023.

### **Item 3: Christmas Fair**

Abby, Libby and Caroline met to finalise details for the above.

- Libby will contact Alyssa to change/ add to posters that under -16s have free entry to the Fair.
- Claudia has offered the use of a coffee-making machine and will provide details by Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- Alana has the key to Age Concern over the weekend; this will give us plenty of time to set up for Monday evening. The hall will already be decorated for Christmas by Age Concern
- There will a tombola, a raffle and a fancy dress competition - prizes gratefully accepted for these
- Santa will be taking time out to visit
- Libby will organise food and drink - Abby to check provision of non-alcoholic 'mulled wine'

Apart from raising funds, our aim is to thank interns and volunteers for their hard work throughout the year.

### **Balgove Christmas Night Market on Tuesday, Dec 5th from 17:00 to 21:00**

The Lucky Ewe stall will be selling Lucky Ewe cheese and tatties kindly donated through Howe of Fife Rotary. All volunteers welcome to lend a hand on the night.

### **Item 4: Milking Parlour**

Joan is in contact with a vendor in Fishguard selling a milking parlour. The approximate cost would be £7000 including transporting it to Bonnyton. It was agreed that, subject to further details from the vendor, we would purchase it. Joan will follow through on this and Libby will liaise with Alyssa about using *Just Giving* to gain additional funds.

### **Item 5: Lucky Ewe Volunteer Membership form**

It was agreed to use the Volunteer Form edited by Mary. The form is shorter and, we hope, easier to complete.

### **Any Other Business**

Jill queried the turnover figure needed for Lucky Ewe annual insurance. Joan will ask Alyssa regarding.

All attendees at the Christmas meal at Pitlessie Inn on Thursday 29th December are requested to order and pre-pay. Jill will provide further details about menu and price.

Padded winter overalls have been bought for Colin, Jenny, Abby, Joan and other regular farm-based volunteers.

Libby took us through Noise Solution, an innovative social enterprise which has aims and an ethos similar to Lucky Ewe. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for our next meeting in January 2023.

Unfortunately no-one is available to attend the *Largo Communities Together* event on 4th December. Mary will email giving our apologies and our hopes to attend any future events.

Libby will contact Alyssa to draw up an order form for tatties; this should be issued to members and to all interested parties by 7<sup>th</sup> December. Jill will organize sales for Auchmuty High School.

The Howe of Fife Rotary Christmas Meal is on Wednesday 14th December at 7pm at the Pitlessie Inn; as an associate charity, Lucky Ewe is invited. Libby will email details and invitation.

There was no other business and the meeting finished at 20:50.