

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Lucky Ewe Trustees held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 19 Crossgate, Cupar and via Zoom at 19:00**

**Trustees present:** Joan Brown, (Chair), Jill Dawson, Libby Elliot, Hazel Fletcher and Mary Gibbon, (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Alana Paterson-Brown, Abby Doig, Susan Usher,

### **Matters Arising**

Joan reported that the introduction of rare breeds to Lucky Ewe was approved by all consulted. Induction training, as discussed in the previous minutes, will be organised by Craig, Farm Operations Leader.

#### **Item 1: Stratheden**

Trustees consulted the site map and access plans drawn up for the land at Stratheden and noted the positioning of, for example, access roads, the car park, the barn and polytunnels. Four portacabins will house the social spaces comprising the well-being hub with kitchen, toilets and meeting area, the laundry facilities and office. Surrounding land is marked out for our various initiatives in crops, livestock, orchard and vegetables. Trustees agreed that it was good to see our plans for the site reaching fruition.

Action: Joan to contact SRUC regarding the paddock.

#### **Item 2: Funding and Finance**

The Meeting discussed the Community Ownership fund and whether it was appropriate to apply for an award. Joan is attending a webinar on the fund on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December and will report back on this.

The Postcode Lottery application has been successful and monies received; we hope to hear soon from FVA about our Year 3 award.

Jill has contacted the Foyle Foundation and is awaiting information.

The meeting with Ellen McCance, an experienced and professional fundraiser, was very helpful in focussing trustees on how to apply successfully for funding. Ellen has offered to run an additional workshop for Lucky Ewe - an offer we are happy to accept. Libby will liaise with Ellen regarding dates for this in January 2024.

The Community Funding Event was held in St Andrews on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 with presentations from Fife Council, FVA, Fife Rural Development Fund, Fife Environmental Fund and the National Lottery Community Fund. Lucky Ewe featured in both the National Lottery and St Andrews University Community Fund presentations and Libby reported it was a very useful and worthwhile event with lots of new contacts, ideas and avenues to pursue. All information, links and slides from the event will be emailed to trustees on 365.

**Youth Action Fife Funding:** Libby will put in a Note of Interest for funding to buy a Chicken Coop and liaise with Craig regarding.

### **Item 3: Fundraising**

Christmas Market plans for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December are well in hand. Jill and Joan will collect our bags of potatoes from Rossie Farm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The venue at Age Concern will be open for business at 12:00 and the Market will begin at 13:00

### **Item 4: Farm Update**

Gillian and Caroline successfully completed First Aid training and all farm-working staff have completed Utility Vehicle training.

Hazel will liaise with staff regarding the WhatsApp group.

### **Item 5: Rural Skills course**

The course is now ongoing with the new cohort. The next college session is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 17:00

### **Any Other Business**

Jill reported that Alyssa had stopped the unknown direct debits detected in the bank statements; Jill and Alyssa are dealing with this and will report back.

Jill will collect 100 more trees for planting at Bonnyton.

## **Meetings 2024**

### **Staff Meeting**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024: 13:30

### **Funding Workshop**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024: 10:00 Crossgates, Cupar

### **Fundraising Committee Meeting**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024: venue/time tbc

### **Lucky Ewe Birthday Open Day**

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024: Bonnyton Farm

### **Trustee Meetings**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 19:00 Crossgates, Cupar

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 19:00 Crossgates, Cupar

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024: 19:00 Crossgates, Cupar

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### **Annual General Meeting**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024: 19:00: venue tbc

There was no other business and the Meeting closed at 21:00