

Minutes of the Meeting of Lucky Ewe Trustees held on Wednesday, 4th September 2024 at 19 Crossgate, Cupar at 19:00

Trustees present: Joan Brown, (Chair), Jill Dawson, Abby-Leigh Doig, Alana Paterson-Brown, Libby Elliot, Hazel Fletcher, Susan Usher and Mary Gibbon, (Secretary)

Apologies: there were no apologies

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising and the previous minutes were approved.

Item 1

Administration

Kerry Nimmo tendered her resignation from the post of Admin Support on Monday, September 2nd September 2024. The resignation has been accepted and her leaving date is Friday, September 13th.

Trustees are contacting possible replacements, including present staff, to fill the post on a short-term basis. A final decision on recruiting long-term will be made by Wednesday, 11th September.

It was agreed to set up a staff/trustee fortnightly face-to-face meeting: Joan to organise.

Farm Operations

Hazel reported that interns and volunteers continue to gain from their stint at Hillview farm. The lambs at Giffordtown have been weaned and suitable ones will be sold as store lambs. Ewes and tups will be thinned out as the season progresses.

Intern Support & Development

Interns' individual targets are now entered on the weekly timetable. Visits are continuing on a 3-week rotation to Rankeilour, Teasses Estate and CLEAR, Buckhaven. Susan and some members of the CAMHS group wish to visit Hillview and to attend the Lottery Winners Day on 25th September. Susan will liaise with Gillian re transport.

Project and Funding

The Postcode Lottery grant will be used towards the Lucky Ewe Welfare Unit. Craig is sourcing this but won't purchase until the Lease is signed. Libby will liaise with Leighann to return and sign off the end of grant form explaining this. This form must be returned to reapply for any additional awards.

When the Lease is finalised, Jill will apply to the Foyle Foundation.

The Wish List Flyer will be sent out to Lottery Winners.

Volunteer Support and Development

It was agreed to organise a Staff/Volunteer Development Day at Pitlessie Inn on Friday, October 25th 2024. Training will be from 17:00 to 18:00 with a meal to follow. The theme will be the Interns' journey with Lucky Ewe from induction to moving on.

Stratheden - Next Steps

The Lease is with Rollos pending amendments and it is hoped a final signing-off will be achieved by the end of the month.

Insurance is continued and is due to be renewed in December 2024.

Trustees agreed that *Lucky Ewe Farm* will be our name when we move to the new premises.

Any Other Business

Lucky Ewe will have a stall at Bee in the Park, Burnside Hall, Balmullo on Saturday, 28th September.

Libby agreed to organise the stall and Gillian will update membership forms.

On Thursday, 24th October a film on rewilding, organised by Sustainable Cupar, is being shown at the Corn Exchange, Cupar. Lucky Ewe will have a stall.

Joan will contact Business Gateway for any training they could provide re Microsoft 365.

There was no other business and the meeting finished at 21:15.

The next trustee meeting will be on Wednesday, 4th December.