

Minutes of the Meeting of Lucky Ewe Trustees held on Thursday 13th February 2025 at 19 Crossgate, Cupar at 19:00

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

Apologies: Kitty Peat, Sandra Drugan

Minutes of previous meeting: the minutes were approved

Matters arising

Charity trustee safeguarding training

Charity trustees in the UK are required to take steps to protect everyone who is in contact with their organisation from harm: (Scottish Charity Regulator, 2018). This includes:

- ensuring safeguarding policies, procedures and measures are fit for purpose and up to date
- making sure everyone in the organisation is aware of their safeguarding responsibilities and knows how to respond to concerns
- having a lead trustee for safeguarding and child protection
- challenging any decisions which adversely affect anyone's wellbeing
- managing allegations of abuse against someone involved in the organisation
- reporting serious incidents as necessary.

The NSPCC Trustee Safeguarding online course consists of 4 modules with each module taking 20-30 minutes to complete, followed by a set of questions. The course is CPD certified and on successful completion, a certificate is provided.

It was agreed that Mary will register all trustees for this online course.

Item 1: Development Day: Saturday 26th April 2025 at Elmwood Golf Campus

The purpose of the Development Day is to publicise our plans for Lucky Ewe Farm to all members of the community, including Lucky Ewe members, interns, volunteers and staff; NHS personnel; local press; funder representatives and elected officials. Suggestions for the day include displaying maps and plans of our land and projected buildings, a photo display and music.

Trustees, Susan, Libby and Jill will meet on Thursday, 27th February at 18:30 at Community Voice to bring together suggestions and plan for the Day. Mary will book the venue.

As the AGM is due in April, it was agreed that we would hold it at the beginning of the Development Day. Joan reminded the meeting that a Supporter of the Year and a Volunteer of the Year needs to be chosen for award at the AGM.

Item 2: Funding

The Looney Dook on New Year's Day 2025 was extremely successful, raising in total £3328 for Lucky Ewe. Our thanks to Joan, Libby, Abby and Humza for braving the cold clutches of the North Sea, and to all our donors for their generous contributions.

The Gannochy Trust application is ongoing with Hazel and Gillian providing further information as requested.

Item 3: Update on Lucky Ewe Farm

As Lucky Ewe is not permitted to use the toilets at the football field, and the Playfield facilities are not a viable option, it was agreed to direct people to the Golf Course toilets.

Libby reported that tree surgeon, R Cunningham, is dealing with an oak tree which could be a danger on Lucky Ewe land.

Clean-up operations continue at Bonnyton; we are anxious to leave the grounds as well-cleared as we can. After discussion, it was agreed to hire a contractor for this job which would include dismantling the polytunnel. Libby will contact Lang Toun Property and Waste Management Services regarding.

Item 4: Website

Our Lucky Ewe website is badly in need of an update. Abby and Susan agreed to look into this and also to procure the code from Simon. Susan to send her trustee photograph for up-put on the website.

Item 5: Recruitment

After interview and successful references, Caroline Crombie was appointed to the Administrative Support post. Caroline has three months' notice to work but has offered to work each Friday for three paid hours until her start date.

The Farm Ops Lead post has not yet been filled. One of the interviewees, Yasmine Clarke, will be offered a short-term contract as a Farm Support Worker.

Any Other Business

Susan enquired whether she could bring two CAMHS groups (Transitions Team 18+) to Lucky Ewe this year and indicated funding will be provided. This was unanimously agreed.

Libby reported that a budget of £500 will be needed for the 8-week craft course being run for interns at the Deer Centre. This was agreed.

There was no other business and the meeting finished at 21:00