



Chagfarm AGM papers

19th November 2015

Directors: Davon and Sylvan Friend, Gordon Murrell and Jasmin Othman

Agenda

Apologies

Minutes of AGM 2014 and matters arising

Farm report

Financial report - Adoption of Accounts 2014/15 (Propose and second)

Directors

Discussion points and feedback

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Date of Next Meeting – 17 November 2016 (unless planned earlier)

1 Meeting welcome

Welcome to Chagford Community Farm's third annual general meeting! Our purpose is to enable our rural community to thrive by becoming more resilient in its production of food. Offering people an alternative to supermarket produce will play a key role in strengthening the local economy and creating new jobs over time.

2 Apologies

Jasmin Othman. Nicky Scott

3 Minutes of the last AGM and matters arising

The minutes of the previous AGM should be formally adopted by a proposer and a seconder, whose names should be recorded. Matters arising from the minutes should be taken in the order they appear.

4 Farm annual report

Here's a quick summary of the last year of farming:

Aims	Results 2013	Results 2014	Results 2015
Significant reduction in food production miles	Saved over 219,924 food miles	Saved over 219,924 food miles	Saved over 219,924 food miles
Bring people together with food/ Workshops and courses	12 open days and AGM	12 open days, AGM and seven workshops and training courses	11 open days, 2 cheese courses, 1 cider making demo and a joint open day with Chagfood.
Shift people's shopping habits away from out of town supermarkets and lower welfare to local and high welfare food	30 members spent £10k	57 members with spend of £12k	64 members with forecast spend £16k so far
Projects completed	Spring water supply (500 metre pipe and trench), septic tank, land drain, dairy built, animal housing and two miles of fencing constructed.	Milking parlour, roofed 140m2 goat shed, excavated cheese cave and erected one mile of fencing.	Milking parlour fitted out and signed off, toilet fit out, fenced 4 acres of woodland, diverted farm track, temporary farm kitchen and table and haybarn roof repairs

Farm infrastructure: fenced 4 fields, repaired 5 roofs, completed milk bottling and cheese dairy, completed milking parlour, had an electrical distribution network installed, built and connected a toilet, excavated cheese and meat cave area, purchased and crained two shipping containers in situ. Next up works on completing the cheese and meat caves, off grid power and butchery facilities. Here is a summary of our current and future projects:

Current projects

- Passively cooled cheese and salami maturing facilities (funded – 60% complete)
- Roof repairs (funded 98% complete)
- Main goat shed (funded 95% complete)
- Outdoor kitchen (funded 50% complete)
- Timber frame trailer building (funded 40% complete)
- Orchard and pond (funded 10% complete)
- Goat and chicken fencing (funded 30% complete)

Future projects

- Butchery (seeking 50% of funding through Dartmoor LEAF)
- Solar panels, battery bank and biomass boiler (got 50% of funding through Awards for All £10k in bank. Got funding for feasibility and design of solar panels and biomass system from WRAP £15k in bank).
- Chick rearing and dispatching facilities (No funding yet sought – talking to funders).

Goats

- We have 6 nanny goats
- They gave birth to 11 kids this year. Four females and seven male kids
- The females kids will join our milking herd and the males will be reared for meat
- Launch of our raw goats milk dairy in September
- During the summer our peak milk supply was 10 litres per milking and is currently now 4 to 5 litres.
- We now need to dry the goats off and get them in kid.

Pigs

- Cassandra gave birth to the first piglets on Chagfarm
- She had a litter of 11 with seven females and four males (oddly enough the exact opposite to the goats).

Chickens

- 18 batches of chickens produced on Chagfarm
- Batches currently 50 a month
- New chicken enclosure with 6 rotation plots giving the chickens access to shade, grass, woodland, sunlight and plenty of space to forage in

Bees

- A very difficult year for our bees
- Lost a few hives over winter and during the summer.
- Wasps caused our bees significant problems, taking much of the honey we were looking to harvest. Hence no honey or honeycomb is available from our hives this year.

Member communications

- Monthly communications and addhoc emails using mailchimp.
- We hope members find the text message alerts useful.

Workshare roles

We currently have Juliette Terry (photographer) and Tim Hemming (welding and metal work) and are looking for others.

5 Financial report and summary

	31 March 2015		Period to 31 March 2014	
	£	£	£	£
TURNOVER				
Sales goods		-		2,038
Sales Membership		11,662		11,504
Grants		330		1,750
Donations		(97)		15,484
		<u>11,895</u>		<u>30,776</u>
COST OF SALES				
Opening stock Livestock	2,425		-	
Opening stock deadstock	100		-	
Purchases Livestock	1,614		2,775	
Goods for resale	7,033		8,451	
Dairy costs	2,012		495	
Vet & AI	362		561	
Feed Hay & Straw	2,719		2,308	
Sundry & Haulage	1,166		957	
Closing stock Livestock	(2,200)		(2,425)	
Closing stock - dead stock	(714)		(100)	
		<u>(14,517)</u>		<u>(13,022)</u>
GROSS SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(2,622)		17,754
Administrative Expenses				
Salaries	3,000		2,750	
Rent	550		675	
Light and heat	-		85	
Vehicle & Travel	4,168		4,249	
Farm fuel & oil	676		399	
Machinery repairs	979		202	
Set up costs and new build	7,338		11,410	
Farm repairs	4,287		2,454	
Insurance	724		686	
Office costs	345		915	
Advertising and marketing costs	1,417		407	
Training	12		315	
Market research costs	630		-	
Professional fees	1,400		1,249	
Subscriptions & sundries	1,363		891	
Bank charges & Interest	(342)		911	

Charitable donations	-	20
Depreciation of plant and machinery	1,679	1,453
Sundry expenses	2	-
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	(28,228)	(29,071)
DEFICIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INTEREST	(30,850)	(11,317)
Interest Receivable		
Bank interest	2	3
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	2	3
NET DEFICIT	(30,848)	(11,314)
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6 Any changes to Directors

7 Discussion points

- **WRAP Feasibility study for renewable power and biomass systems** – Gill Alker – member engagement and feedback
- **Proposal to move from a small membership to a large membership CIC** – Davon – discussion and decision.
- **Grants update** – Gordon
- **Honeycomb** – options and decision
- **Proposed frozen milk** (for overwinter supplies and to avoid wastage)
- **Cost of production review**

8 AOB

9 Your feedback

Please make any notes, questions or give us any feedback on this sheet