

HARPER ADAMS UNIVERSITY

Minutes of the meeting of the Farm Strategy Committee held on 13 October 2016 in the Boardroom.

Present:	Dr D Llewellyn Mr M Roach Mr R Hooper Dr J Donaldson Mr C Bailey Mr S Kirby Professor P Mills Dr A Wilcox	Chairman
In attendance:	Dr C E Baxter Mr R Heath	Clerk to the Governors
Apologies:	Mr C Ellis Miss R Reeves	

Members were reminded to update their entry in the Register of Interests as necessary.

16/01 **Minutes**

vi)

- iii) that a new chair in Beef Production, partly funded by ABP, had been

number of new research enquiries had been received possibly due to the weakness of sterling. These were currently being followed up;

- vi) that the number of students interested in working on the Pig Unit remained strong.

16/07 Animal Production Welfare and Veterinary Science/Crop and Environmental Science Departments - Operating Plans 2016/17

Received: a progress report on the Annual Operating Plans for:

- a) APWVS Sheep Unit
- b) APWVS Beef Unit
- c) CERC

- Noted:
- i) that the APWVS Sheep Unit continued to progress appropriately towards meeting its operational plan for the year. In particular, over 200 students had already worked with the sheep flock during the new academic year;
 - ii) that, as previously noted, a new Chair focusing on Beef Production would be a welcome additional senior member of staff to the work of the Beef Unit. Work to identify the appropriate location of the Beef Unit, funded under CIEL, continued to be progressed;
 - iii) that CERC continued to perform against its operational plan;
 - iv) that NIAB had now left the University campus. The land which it had previously used had been re-allocated for growing a feed crop for a forthcoming beef trial. Thereafter, it was likely that the land would be used for single crops in an effort to restore it and afterwards it would become part of the normal farm rotation/trial plots;
 - v) that Dr Wilcox had spoken to Karen Kerr in the IT Department about the Farm Information System. She had agreed that developers would consider the current database further and see what could be

in the day to speak on the same subject. Andersons had also visited the University and given a seminar focusing on scenario planning;

- iii) that Tom Tynan, a member of the EU Agriculture Commissioner's

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16/01R Incident at CERC

Noted: that there had been an unfortunate accident involving a member of CERC in the past few days. An injury to a finger had been sustained. This was being managed appropriately and it was hoped that the individual would be able to return to work in the near future. The University's Health and Safety Office was working with the Head of Department