THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Summary of the Minutes, to be published on the FPS website, of the Fell Pony Society Council meeting held on

***Tuesday 14 May 2024 at 13.00hrs at Orton Market Hall***

# *Approval of Council Minutes: meeting held on 19 March 2024*

***Matters arising from the minutes***

1. *Investments – an account is to be opened with Virgin Money for a fixed period of 18 months earning around 4%. Further funds have been moved into a 95 day notice account, earning 4%*
2. *Learning with Fells – visits to be arranged.*

**Trustees Confidentiality**

Trustees reminded of their Duty of Confidentiality and the risk of FPS Disciplinary procedures should Council business be discussed outside of a meeting.

**AGM Feedback**

It had been agreed by members at the AGM to increase membership fees by £5 with effect from 1 January 2025.

There was some discussion about how to encourage more members to attend the AGM, perhaps by inviting a guest speaker.

***Chairmans Report***

Action points from an earlier NPS M & M Breed Society meeting were discussed and reply to NPS agreed.

***Secretary and Treasurer’s report***

The Secretary reported that:

Confirmation has been received that His Majesty The King has accepted the Patronage of the Society.

Current membership totals 995, new memberships and renewals continue to be received.

The Fell Pony remains in the At Risk Category of the RBST’s Watchlist for 2024-25.

For the first time since the FIS test was established in 2010, it has been brought to the Society’s attention that a certificate has been tampered with. Council would like to encourage owners to have the FIS status recorded in the passport as a permanent record.

DEFRA plan to introduce:

the requirement for Digital ID of equines

responsibility for notifying change in ownership will become as much the responsibility of the seller as the buyer,

residence of the equine to be recorded

Fixed penalty notices with ‘on the spot’ fines to offenders not complying with Horse Passport Legislation.

Changes to Border control to and from the EU not only affects live animals but also products such as semen.

The Society’s event insurance has recently been renewed.

***Sub-Committee Reports***

Reports received from the Show, Overseas and Conservation Committees and Display Team.

Accounts from each area group circulated.

**Correspondence**

Keswick Show has invited the Society to attend with a stand.

**AOB**

Two Council members are to inspect a yearling who was registered in section X due to white on a front hoof and now this has grown out.

It was reported on a Rare Breed Stallion Day where breed preservation was discussed, skin samples/cloning, semen storage and how a breed could be recreated if necessary.