



ANIMAL WELFARE AND ETHICAL REVIEW BODY

Minutes

04 October 2022

19 Present, 6 Apologies, 3 In Attendance

22.46 Declarations of Interest and Quoracy

- .1 The Committee members made no declarations of interest.
- .2 The Committee was quorate for the meeting.

22.47 Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 June 2022

- .1 The minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

22.48 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

.1 Action Log

- .1 The action log from the previous meeting had been presented to AWERB and progress updates provided to members.

.2 Applications considered at last meeting [Minute 22.28]

.1 Dr AT

- .1 The Committee NOTED that the AWERB recommendations had been addressed and the application had been submitted to the Home Office.

22.49 Chair's Business

.1 Membership

- .1 The Committee NOTED that one member's membership term finished in July 2022 and they have decided not to renew due to other commitments within their school.
- .2 The Committee NOTED that four members have confirmed the renewal of their membership term for a further three years.
- 3. The Committee NOTED the current vacancy and opportunities to expand and complement expertise within the membership will be discussed at the next meeting.

22.50 Project Licence Applications

.1 Dr AU

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/22/37 presented by Dr AU. The proposed work involved the development of non-viral gene delivery platforms.
- .2 A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused on the number of animals to be used, experimental design and the availability of resources to enable the work to be carried out.
- .3 The Committee AGREED that the application be progressed subject to addressing comments from the AWERB.

ACTIONS:		Action Owner	Due Date
.4	Applicant to be informed of decision and once comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of the AWERB, then the application could be submitted to the Home Office.	HOLC/AWERB Readers	Oct 22

.2 Dr AV

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/22/38 presented by Dr AV. The proposed work involved monitoring and supplementation of minerals in ruminants.
- .2 A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused on the logistics and compliance of using POLES, welfare considerations, and planning lead times.
- .3 The Committee AGREED that the application be progressed subject to addressing comments from the AWERB.

ACTIONS:		Action Owner	Due Date
.4	Applicant to be informed of decision and once comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of the AWERB, then the application could be submitted to the Home Office.	HOLC/AWERB Readers	Oct 22

.3 Dr AW (Secondary Availability)

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/22/47 presented by Dr AW. The proposed work involved the development of a solution for the preservation of organs for transplant for secondary availability at UoN. The PPL is already authorised and ongoing at another Establishment.
- .2 A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused on the logistics of the work.
- .3 The Committee AGREED that the application be progressed subject to addressing comments from the AWERB.

ACTIONS:		Action Owner	Due Date
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.4	Applicant to be informed of decision and once comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of the AWERB, then the application could be submitted to the Home Office.	HOLC/AWERB Readers	Oct 22
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22.51 Non-licensed Study

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/22/48.
- .2 A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader.
- .3 The Committee AGREED that the application could not be progressed at this time. Comments to be sent to applicant and a meeting to discuss this further should be arranged.

ACTIONS:		Action Owner	Due Date
.4	A meeting to be arranged with the applicant for further discussion.	BSU Director	Nov 22

22.52 Facilities Update

- .1 The BSU Director provided a facilities report and risk management update.

ACTIONS:		Action Owner	Due Date
.2	Add Facilities Risk Management as a standard item on the AWERB Meeting Agenda.	BSU Admin	Oct 22

22.53 NC3Rs Update

- .1 The NC3Rs Manager NOTED the latest NC3Rs initiatives.

22.54 Summary of PPL Applications and Amendments

- .1 The Committee NOTED that the average response time from ASRU has increased.
- .2 The Committee NOTED that PPL Applications were being granted by ASRU outside of the standard 40-working day timeframe given by ASRU
- .3 The Committee NOTED that the time taken to approve amendments to PPLs has increased, but is still within the standard 40-day timeframe given by ASRU.
- .4 The Committee NOTED that applicants must ensure a minimum of 4 months between submission to ASRU and when the new PPL is required.

22.55 Approvals by Fast-Track Procedure for Report

- .1 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/22/39

- .2 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/22/40
- .3 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/22/41
- .4 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/22/42
- .5 The Committee RECEIVED paper AWERB/22/43

- .6 The Committee NOTED that five project licence amendments had been approved by fast-track procedure.

22.56 Project Licences Granted since Last Meeting

- .1 The Committee NOTED the project licences granted by the Home Office.

22.57 Non-ASPA applications

- .1 The Committee NOTED that a summary spreadsheet tracking progress of non-ASPA applications was available.

22.58 Any Other Business

None reported