

DOLEN FFERMIO (FARMING LINK)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR TO 28th FEBRUARY 2018

Charity No: 1124195

Dolen Ffermio (Farming Link)

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Report of the trustees For the year ended 28th February 2018

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 28th February 2018. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Dolen Ffermio (Farming Link) is a registered charity with 7 trustees making up the management committee.

Potential trustees are members who have had a substantial involvement in Dolen Ffermio already. They are invited to become co-opted members of the Executive committee for 6 to 12 months before putting their name forward at the AGM. Induction would take place at a meeting of trustees.

Trustee selection is by members at the AGM (with 3 weeks notice given before the date of the AGM). Post holders are similarly elected at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

The objective of the organisation is the relief of poverty in two rural areas of Eastern Uganda (Kamuli and Ngora) in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of education and training and other such services so that they may become self-supporting and their conditions of life improved.

Raising awareness in the UK of world food and farming issues.

The main activities for the relief of poverty in Kamuli working with the Dolen Ffermio Environmental Farming and Health Organisation (DFEFHO) are: A goat breeding programme and Agro-forestry programme.

The main activities for the relief of poverty in Ngora working with Farming Link Uganda (FARLU) are:

- Goat and sheep breeding programme
- 2 projects to support orphaned and vulnerable children in the care of their extended families
- Solar energy project
- Energy and construction social enterprise company
- Agro-forestry project
- Income Generating projects

The main activities for awareness raising in the UK are:

- Conference for sixth formers
- Public meeting for the farming and wider community
- Stands at agricultural and other events, exhibitions

Press releases to local newspapers, publicity and twice yearly newsletter sent to all supporters

Public Benefit

This is to confirm that the trustees of Dolen Ffermio have studied the guidance provided by the Charity Commission and take it into account when making decisions to which the guidance is relevant.

The trustees consider that the charities' activities provide public benefit to the communities in Uganda where projects are located.

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**Report of the trustees
For the year ended 28th February 2018**

Achievements and performance

In Kamuli:

Goat Breeding project:

- A pedigree Boer goat breeding unit project was moved to Kamuli in 2017 under Moses Kitimbo's care and in his compound.
- The aim is to improve productivity of local goats by cross breeding with Boer breeds.
- The Boer herd of 2 males and 5 females are all very healthy but breeding progress is slow with such small numbers. We still have frozen South African embryos to increase numbers and the compound is large enough to hold some recipient females for embryo transfer and AI and we hope to acquire some soon.
- There are virtually no reliable sources of pedigree Boer goats in Uganda, when fully established it will be a demonstration centre for Boer goat breeding and source of stock for other farmers.
- Local herdsman are employed to take care of the goats.
- A Goat AI training course for one week was taught by vet Dr Gideon Nadiope in November for 4 members of the Kamuli team and 2 others. A laboratory for AI has been established near the Boer goat unit, for the local community to benefit from services of the Boer bucks. Sensitisation of the communities about the advantages of AI is ongoing.
- Agriculture student livestock training started with a group of 28 from Uganda Christian University. Our group and the farm manager of Kasolwe stock farm, demonstrated goat semen collection, evaluation and AI, foot trimming, and cattle AI and anti-tick spraying. This took place at the King of Busoga's farm, just outside Kamuli, and we are to be allowed to use the farm for other training activities.

Agro-forestry project with DFEFHO

- This project began as a small agro-forestry project in 2012 in Kamuli but could not expand because of lack of land for a mother nursery. In 2018, thanks to donations from very generous individuals, we were able to acquire 28 acres of land at Nakayaka, outside Kamuli and on the banks of the River Nile.
- This land will become a demonstration and training resource for good methods of agro-forestry emphasising organic, sustainable, permaculture principles as well as a source of good quality, appropriate planting material. This will be of great benefit to the local community and beyond when it is fully developed. Workers from the local community are already employed on the land and act as security, living in a small house which came with the land.
- The land is recovering after the severe and prolonged drought. A papaya plantation developed from seed by Moses Kitimbo has been successful and all 8 Warbugia ugandensis trees survived the drought, although 3 other native species did not. Warbugia is an amazing native species, insect resistant and with strong timber. It has a great variety of medicinal properties, including anti-malarial and skin and chest infections. The coffee plantation has benefitted from severe pruning.
- A 5 year development plan for the land has been made by the team with the help of permaculture consultant, Charles Mugarura, with low cost living and eco-camping accommodation and water supply for this and for irrigation, a priority when funding allows. Rain water retention in soil will be effected by swales (ditches) across the land, which has a gentle slope from road to river, and the digging of a valley dam in the area of a natural spring. The dam will provide a water reservoir for pumping, and can also be a fish pond eventually.
- Volunteer workers and researchers from Uganda and overseas will be able to benefit from the facilities for work and study, with living accommodation available
- Opportunities to learn and participate in methods of value addition and storage of agricultural products, and new income generating activities, such as furniture and craft making from bamboo.
- Schools and other learning institutes will have access to practical agricultural training, which is severely lacking in Uganda.

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Achievements and performance

- Four full-time young volunteers, Helen Nakyeyune, Janet Kidima, Steve Baguma, and Stella Nangobi have been recruited to help in the small office which has been established in Kamuli town (with the payment of food and travel allowances) and are gaining experience on the land and will be given the opportunity to attend the next the Sector 39 Permaculture Design Course at Sabina School, Rakai, Western Uganda in May. Helen, Janet and most of the Kamuli team will attend the first East African Permaculture Convergence following this course.

In Ngora:

Goat and sheep breeding project

- This goat breeding project was set up in 2007 under the leadership of Moses Ekoi, a livestock specialist, on his land at Kobwin, outside the small town of Ngora.
- The aim is to improve productivity of local goats by cross breeding with Mubende Elite or Boer breeds. Improved bucks will be distributed to the communities, as well as surplus females.
- The goat unit has the advantage of solar power and piped water from an underground rainwater catchment tank, thanks to a grant from the Welsh Assembly.
- The unit has a nucleus breeding stock of 50 and is developing a laboratory for veterinary diagnosis and artificial insemination.
- Goats are distributed to the communities through a women's goat improvement group, with paravets to promote animal health. Households build up their herd to help them to become self supporting and improve their quality of life.
- The unit is still recovering from the 2016-7 drought. Plans are in place to renew the housing which has suffered termite damage. A new female goat house is in process, using concrete upright poles and hopefully bamboo. We lack bucks, but have recently been promised several young Mubende Elite bucks from western region.
- Our permaculture consultant, Charles Mugarura, has recently started work with Moses Ekoi designing an area for goat fodder production which can use the existing water supply for irrigation.
- The Dorper cross ram has been joined by 11 local breed females.
- There are two local herdsmen employed at the unit

Orphan and Vulnerable Children Projects

The past year has brought some positive news from both of the OVC communities working together to improve the lives of very needy children in Ngora and Nyero. The projects are making a huge difference to the quality of their lives and those of their carer families, as can be seen from the narrative reports received and the impact assessments.

NOVC Project

- This project was set up in 2012 by Moses Ekoi and a committee of 6 people. They drew up the terms of the project using a holistic approach. Funds are raised through gift catalogues and donations from individuals and organisations, particularly churches, chapels and schools.
- For the first 2 years 40 children were chosen for one year of support from among the "poorest of the poor" as Moses described them. In 2008 the committee asked us to extend the period of support to 3 years, which meant that we had to reduce the number of new children recruited each year to 30.
- Detailed budgets are submitted twice a year, which sometimes have to be adapted to fit the amounts raised in a particular year. This only applies to "non essential" items such as educational trips and large annual gatherings for the whole community.

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Achievements and performance

- The Christmas 2017 catalogue raised enough funds to recruit 30 new children, bringing the total on the NOVC project to 200 over the past 5 years, offering great benefit to them and their carer families. As with their predecessors, they will be given school uniforms, stationery, shoes, a mosquito net, a share in a male goat, tree seedlings, a solar lamp (for homework), maize seed and vital training in a wide variety of income generating and household skills. The poultry gifts have been discontinued temporarily until the problems of disease in the area have been resolved, though Moses Ekoi and his team are determined to populate the purpose built poultry house as soon as they can.
- Moses, his daughter Ruth and the committee of six work extremely hard to administer the project, organise the activities and monitor the children at home and at the centre, which is Moses' house and compound. The children attend "Centre Days" once a month (each year group in turn) when their health and progress at school can be monitored. That is when the skills training takes place in carpentry, machine and hand sewing, machine knitting, weaving, repairing shoes, cooking, embroidered cloths, making mats, jewellery, etc. Things produced are sold in the community, local markets and some have been brought here to sell.
- Over the past few months Moses, Ruth and the committee have been exploring ways in which to adapt the NOVC project in order to benefit more primary school children in view of the large numbers whose families ask for places and who have to be disappointed. In addition, the Ngora team is very keen to offer support to youngsters at secondary school or who have dropped out because their families cannot afford the fees. We have no specific details as yet but their ideas offer great potential.
- The WHOVC project in Nyero which was set up in 2016 follows very similar lines to the one in Ngora but is a lot smaller, with 30 children in total. The two groups are working together to implement permaculture principles following attendance on Steve Jones' Permaculture courses over the past 2 years, which is greatly benefitting the two communities and the children on the OVC projects. In Nyero they have prioritised growing ginger and chillies which are already generating income for school fees and this will be supplemented when the children have learnt to use the new knitting machine.
- As in Ngora, the skills training part of the programme is of the greatest importance for the children's future: so far, as well as knitting, they are being trained in tailoring, carpentry and art and crafts.

Ngora Community Solar Project

- The aim of the solar project (phase 1, 2014, phase 2, 2015 assisted by grants from the Welsh Assembly) is to light up as many community homes as possible. Before we started solar product distribution in February nearly everyone was in darkness except for smoky kerosene lanterns, candles or tiny torches, which are not only a fire hazard but a health risk.
- The 'Climate Change' publicity campaign continues to attract buyers, as does the showroom and advice centre. The solar lanterns for school students have been extremely popular and are sold through schools and given as gifts to children on the current and past NOVC projects.
- Both the solar panels and lanterns are offered at as low a price as possible and those who cannot afford to pay straight off are given hire purchase terms.
- 5 young people are employed on sales, installation and marketing, in addition to 2 electricians and Ruth who deals with management and accounting. In the first 9 months 476 lanterns were sold, 24 solar systems from 10 to 900 watts were installed and another 18 solar kits sold. A total of 518 households have gained some form of solar power in 9 months, which is making a big difference to the quality of life in the whole community and will lead eventually to small enterprises being set up across the community.

Teso Energy and Construction Company (TECCO)

- TECCO was set up in Ngora as a social enterprise in 2017 to attract district government for solar installation and building contracts and has started well. For solar power 5 health centres, 11 schools and 4 government house contracts have been completed. Two small contracts have been completed in Ngora for a latrine and a gatekeeper's house, both beautifully finished, thanks to Moses' professionalism.
- When it is well established any profits made will be ploughed into the other Ngora projects, particularly the ones which cannot by their very nature be self-supporting. In particular the OVC projects will benefit.
- This is already providing much needed employment in the area and, as it grows, will provide more.

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Agro-forestry Project

- The project in Ngora progressed slowly due to lack of funding and the demands of the other projects here but is nevertheless very important to our partners and to us. 10,000 orange seedlings were distributed to households this year.
- Training in permaculture principles is a high priority here, as in Kamuli, and we have sponsored the chairperson of the NOVC committee and other members of the community to attend the permaculture courses in Kamuli.
- We are supporting a tree planting project, with a tree nursery and introducing bamboo cultivation for timber replacement and income generation, with the necessary training for households.
- The tree nursery will be sited behind the goat compound and can use the same water supply.
- The soil in the land designated for a 'mother garden' for trees and bamboo has improved greatly thanks to the manuring last year.
- A 'living fence' of thorny shrubs has been started on its boundary and the one for the goat unit extension.

Income Generating Projects

- Training is a high priority in all our projects and both areas and a lot of time and effort is put into this aspect by our Ugandan partners. It is equally important that we do everything we can to help people to become self-supporting and this extends to the children on the OVC projects with their skills training.
- As well as ongoing permaculture training, there have been three successful initiatives in Ngora: tailoring (9 women have now been professionally trained thanks to the generosity of members), fuel-efficient stove training and kitchen garden training, all of which have been of great benefit to the community.

Awareness Raising of World Food and Farming Issues

- This is the second objective in our Constitution and a very important part of our work. The 2017 sixth form conference and accompanying public panel discussion, both funded by the Community Foundation in Wales, were again highly successful and very well received on both occasions. The subject was "Pro Environment Farming" and we were able to invite national, international and local speakers.
- The speaker from Uganda, Charles Mugarura stayed on for a time and visited many local schools, as well as farms and Aberystwyth University. We again attended the agricultural shows in Llanfyllin and Llanfair Caereinion and many other community events in Llanfyllin.
- Trustee Cordelia Weedon regularly exhibits her own photographs and the photo diaries of the children at a number of venues. Newspaper articles about our work have been printed in local newspapers (both Welsh and English) and our twice yearly newsletter is distributed to all our supporters.
- Our grateful thanks to our treasurer, Nick Christoforou, for creating our excellent new website and keeping it up-to-date (www.dolenffermio.org.uk) as well as our Facebook page (Dolen Ffermio) and Twitter feed (@dolenffermio)

**Report of the trustees
For the year ended 28th February 2018**

Financial review

The financial position of the charity remains stable and consistent with previous years. Total income for the year was **£52,521** and total expenditure was **£46,639** we are completely volunteer managed so have a very low base of costs and have modest funding commitments in Uganda.

Reserves Policy

We do not hold reserves as such as our policy is to send the funds we raise out to Uganda to support the projects there and to remit small allowances for some partners. We hold a small amount back to meet essential expenses in the UK. We however have enough to cover the commitments made, both on project spending and other expenses.

Risk Management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed to. Where appropriate, procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

Statement as to disclosure of information to Independent Examiner

In so far as the trustees are aware:
There is no relevant information of which the charity's Independent Examiner is unaware of; and
The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; Observe the methods and principles in the

Charities SORP; Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time of the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with section 130 Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations . They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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On behalf of the board
Val Talbot
12/11/2018

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Dolen Ffermio

I report on the accounts of Dolen Ffermio for the year ended 28 February 2018 set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, as amended;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and Regulations 11 of the 2006 Regulation. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable as proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Thomas Ojo (BA, BSc, FCPA)
Independent examiner

Date: 14/11/2018

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Receipts And Payments Account
For Year Ended 28th February 2018

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2018 £	£	Unrestricted Funds 2017 £	£
Receipts					
Project income	2	24,607		38,443	
General income		27,914		25,927	
			52,521		64,370
Total Receipts			52,521		64,370
Direct Charitable Expenditure					
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DFEFH		13,948		6,245	
NOVC		10,220		14,043	
Sponsorship		2,550		3,191	
WHOVC		3,220		5,831	
Tailoring		683			
FARLU		9,160		13,800	
Agro-Forestry		504			
Solar		2,342		21,053	
Goat Project		660		1,221	
Permaculture		200		1,260	
Tilling				1,522	
General Expenses		1,759		8,003	
			45,246		76,169
Other Expenditure					
Accountancy and Bookkeeping		658		325	
Bank Charges		735		196	
			1,393		521
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Total Payments			46,639		76,691
Net Receipts for the year			5,882		(12,320)
Bank Balance at 28/02/18			6,529		1,014
Net Surplus / (Deficit for Year)			12,411		(11,306)

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2018

1 Accounting Conventions

The financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention on a receipts and payments basis.

2 Income is made up of mainly donations and is completely unrestricted

3 All receipts and payments relate to general unrestricted funds

4 Charity Trustees are only paid to cover out of pocket expenses.

5 There is no reason to suggest that the charity will not continue as a going concern