

Date of Meeting : 5 March 2020

Venue : Conference Call

Committee : Next Generation

Present : Peter Moss (Chair), John Howie, Andrew Jardine, Iain Livesey, Duncan Morrison, Hamish Logan, Andrew Neilson, Andrew Taylor, Ryan MacLean, Martin Kennedy (NFUS Vice-President), Jenny Brunton (NFUS Policy Manager)

Apologies : Robert MacKinnon, Ian Dickson, Matthew Steel, Chris Scott-Park, Zoe Symington, Michelle Stephen, Ben McClymont, Catherine Sloan (SAYFC), John McCulloch (SAYFC)

1. Peter Moss, Next Generation Chair, welcomed the new working group and all members gave a brief introduction about themselves and an overview of why they have become involved with NFUS and what they hope to achieve within the Next Generation Group.

1.1. The full working group was agreed with Ryan MacLean being confirmed as the invitee to the LFA Committee.

Name	Region	Commodity Committee Representative
John Howie	Ayrshire	Livestock
Ian Dickson	Argyll & the Islands	Tenants Working Group
Andrew Jardine	Dumfries & Galloway	
Matthew Steel (Vice-Chair)	East Central	Poultry, Potatoes, Horticulture
Chris Scott-Park	Forth & Clyde	
Ryan MacLean	Highland	Less Favoured Areas (LFA)
Iain Livesey	Lothian & Borders	
Duncan Morrison	North East	Environment and Land Use (ELU)
<b>Peter Moss (Chair)</b>	<b>Orkney</b>	
Zoe Symington	Shetland	Crofting Highlands and Islands (CHIC)
Hamish Logan	Co-option (L&B)	Combinable Crops
Andrew Neilson	Co-option (F&C)	

Michelle Stephen	Co-option (NE)	
Andrew Taylor	Co-option (Ayrshire)	Milk
Ben McClymont	Co-option (D&G)	Milk
Catherine Sloan	SAYFC Invitee	Legal and Technical
John McCulloch	SAYFC Invitee	

## 2. Next Generation Regional Representatives

Policy Manager Jenny Brunton provided an overview of the expectations of Next Generation Regional Representatives. These include:

- Attending Regional Board Meetings and providing an update on Next Generation workstreams.
- Working with Regional Managers to encourage Next generation engagement and attendance at a regional/branch level.
- Encouraging the appointment of Next Generation branch monitors.
- Working to establish a Regional Next Generation network.

⇒ ACTION – Jenny to circulate details of Regional Managers.

## 3. Next Generation Invitee Positions on Commodity Committees

Policy Manager Jenny Brunton provided an overview of the expectations of invitees to commodity committees. These include:

- Attending Commodity Committees and representing the interests of the next generation.
- Notifying the Next Gen group in advance if unable to attend so that a substitute can attend.
- Relaying relevant information to the Next Generation Group.

⇒ ACTION – Jenny to circulate details of Policy Managers.

## 4. 2020 Workplan

The group discussed their aspirations for the next generation workplan in 2020 and three confirmed workstreams for the group to prioritise were agreed.

- 4.1. Tax Incentives on long term let land – It was agreed that the group would continue to progress this from 2019 and work with the other UK Unions Next Generation Groups on this issue.

- 4.2. Education on Food and Farming – The group agreed that education on food and farming was a priority for the group. It was felt that this could also help to share the positive story of farming to the wider public. Martin Kennedy raised the ‘Day of Celebration’ on the 23 May as being a great opportunity for the next gen to get involved and promote a positive message on this day. It was agreed that the group would support and encourage involvement in regional plans.
- 4.3. Promotion of family membership – It was agreed that NFUS’ family membership was a great opportunity to increase engagement and diversity within NFUS and the group agreed that they would continue to champion and support this initiative.

⇒ ACTION – Jenny to draft a workplan for the group to agree.

## 5. Stability – The Platform for Change

- 5.1. NFUS Vice-President Martin Kennedy gave the group an overview of NFUS Scotland newly launched document ‘Stability - The Platform for Change’ with the policy proposals for 2021 – 2024.
- 5.2. The group discussed improvements that could be made to schemes between 2021 and 2024 but also the opportunity to help shape post 2024 policy.
- 5.3. MK provided brief overview of ‘Steps to Change’ proposals including frontloading of payments and the targeting of support to those who are actively farming.
- 5.4. The group discussed the need to feed into future support for the next generation but also to ensure that in the 2021 -2024 period, those who had been ‘locked out’ would still be eligible to support.

⇒ ACTION – Next Gen Reps will discuss relevant schemes when attending Commodity Committees.

## 6. 2021 Manifesto

The group were asked to consider Next Generation priorities in NFU Scotland's 2021 Manifesto ahead of the 2021 Scottish Election. Political Affairs Manager, Clare Slipper will attend the Next Generation meeting on 29 April to engage with the Next Generation on shaping NFU Scotland's 2021 Manifesto. Through existing contacts within all the political parties, NFU Scotland is able to feed into the policy development process. This is an important opportunity to work with parties wishing to form the next Scottish Government in order to formulate policies that are to the benefit of NFU Scotland members.

<b>Climate change</b>	Climate change Research/New Breeding Techniques Plant health/plant protection products
<b>Land reform and agricultural holdings</b>	Land reform Opportunities for new entrants Crofting – clean slate Bill Planning
<b>Supply chain</b>	Food education Improving connections to local food Fair dealing in the supply chain – contracts? Investment in processing Procurement
<b>CAP</b>	Support schemes and pilots 2021-24
<b>Brexit</b>	Future agricultural policy / Steps to Change Representing Scottish agriculture's interests
<b>Species management</b>	Species management Control of dogs/dog fouling
<b>Other</b>	Animal health and welfare Health and wellbeing in the farming community Digital connectivity Rural enterprise Education and skills Employment

7. The group were asked to consider the possibility of Next Generation events in 2020. ALDI have indicated their openness to support the group where possible.

⇒ ACTION – Jenny to scope out Next Generation Events at RHS, AgriScot etc.

**\*\* Next Meeting - 29 April 2020 at NFUS Boardroom, Ingliston at 10.30am \*\***