

**University of Nottingham**  
**Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body**

**Thursday 21 May 2020**

**MINUTES**

19 Members Present, 3 Apologies, 1 in Attendance (on-line Teams meeting)

**20/18 Minutes**

RECEIVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2020.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.

**20/19 Matters arising from the Minutes**

**(a) Action log**

The action log from the previous meeting had been presented to AWERB and progress updates provided to members. This included:

- (1) That reconvening the 3Rs committee had been postponed due to COVID-19.
- (2) That the refined mouse handling roll out had been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- (3) That the refurbishment work had to be halted due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**(b) Applications considered at last meeting [Minute 20/21]**

REPORTED: That two applications had been submitted, and one granted on ASPeL.

**20/20 Chair's Business**

**(a) New AWERB Secretary**

REPORTED: That a new Secretary to AWERB had been appointed.

**(b) NC3Rs Regional Programme Manager**

REPORTED: That the NC3Rs Regional Programme Manager (Midlands) had now left the role and the NC3Rs would seek a replacement.

**(c) Coronavirus contingency arrangements**

REPORTED:

- (1) That the existent contingency plans were successfully implemented in a way which avoided the need to cull any animals on study. The units remained open as required according to Establishment Licence Condition 5.
- (2) That staff safety was prioritised and the work being undertaken by Contractors in BSU was halted by NACWO.
- (3) That recovery planning for animal based research and use of BSU was in progress.

## **20/21 Project Licence Applications**

### **(a) Dr AA**

REPORTED: That the proposed work involved validation of different novel vaccine platforms against the gut pathogen *Clostridium difficile* in two rodent models.

A series of comments were made on the application by the NACWO, NVS and Scientific Reader. Questioning primarily focused around adverse effects, monitoring procedures and anaesthesia model.

RESOLVED: It was recommended that the application be approved subject to addressing comments from AWERB.

## **20/22 Summary of PPL applications and amendments**

REPORTED: That a summary spreadsheet tracking progress of PPL applications and amendments was available.

## **20/23 Approvals by Fast-Track Procedure for Report**

REPORTED: That three project licence amendments had been approved by fast-track procedure.

## **20/24 Project licences granted by the Home Office**

REPORTED: That one project licence had been granted by the Home Office.

## **20/25 Any Other Business**

- (a) REPORTED: That Home Office Licensee theory training courses had moved to on-line provision.
- (b) REPORTED: That the BSU Workspace would be updated to enable more open access for AWERB information.
- (c) REPORTED: That the Corporate Membership of the Institute of Animal Technology would be stopped.