

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY  
24 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 10.00AM AT 1A LISSUE WALK, LISBURN.**

**Present:**

Mr G McGivern (Chairman)  
Mrs O Chesney  
Mr J Lennon  
Mr P McElroy  
Mr G Maguire

**In attendance:**

Mr I Stevenson  
Miss S Blain

*Mr Jeff Grant joined the meeting at 10.00am*

**2018/9/1 Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman formally welcomed Mr Grant to the meeting and introduced the Board members.

**2018/9/2 Meeting with Jeff Grant (New Zealand Red Meat Sector Representative in the UK)**

Mr Grant thanked the Chairman for his welcome and outlined his career path leading up to his appointment as the New Zealand Red Meat Sector Representative in the UK.

The Board and Mr Grant engaged in an open discussion and exchange of views regarding their experiences in the red meat sector, methods of operation, existing and potential new markets for red meat. Mr Grant indicated that the uncertainty surrounding Brexit is an issue exercising the NZ red meat sector, a concern echoed by the Board.

The Chairman recorded the Board's appreciation of Mr Grant taking time to visit to LMC.

*Mr Jeff Grant left the meeting at 11.30am.*

**2018/9/3 Apologies**

An apology had been received from Mr H Sinclair.

**2018/9/4 Declaration of Interests Pertaining to Agenda Items for Discussion**

The Board agreed that none of the agenda items required any Board members to abstain from discussions.

**2018/9/5 Minutes of Commission Meeting Held on 23 July 2018**

The minutes of a meeting, held on 23 July 2018, were approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mrs O Chesney  
Seconded: Mr P McElroy

**2018/9/6 Matters Arising**

- **GDPR/ Corporate Governance Manager**

The Chief Executive advised that Mrs G Davis had been appointed as Corporate Governance Manager following an internal recruitment exercise.

**2018/9/7 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported on meetings / events he had attended since the last Board Meeting:

- **Love Lamb Week**

The Chairman commented on the high level of TV, press and social media coverage enjoyed by the Love Lamb Week campaign.

- **Meeting with Chairman of NIFCC**

The Chairman reported on issues discussed at a recent meeting with the Chairman of NIFCC.

**2018/9/8 Chief Executive's Report**

- *Withheld – commercially sensitive*

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- **Livestock Genetics**

The Chief Executive updated the Board on a small working group from LMC, NIMEA, Dairy UK, UFU and DAERA. Its aim is to develop detailed proposals to put to wider industry stakeholders before the end of 2018 to progress a transformational livestock genetic improvement initiative for Northern Ireland.

- **SIAL 2018**

**Action Point:** The Board agreed that the Chief Executive and a Board member would attend SIAL 2018. Board members interested in attending should contact the Chairman or Chief Executive by 26 September 2018.

- **Ammonia**

The Chief Executive advised the Board that LMC in partnership with 9 other leading stakeholder organisations and companies had submitted a letter to DAERA Permanent Secretary about the current approach being taken to develop an action plan for addressing the ammonia problem in Northern Ireland.

- **Global Conference on Sustainable Beef 2018 (GRSB) – Lyrath Estate Hotel, Kilkenny**

**Action Point:** The Board agreed that the Chief Executive, Chairman and a Board member would attend GRSB 2018 in Lyrath Estate Hotel, Kilkenny. Board members interested in attending should contact the Chairman or Chief Executive by 26 September 2018.

- **Beef Conference 2018**

The Chief Executive advised that LMC is once again partnering up with key stakeholder organisations (UFU, CAFRE, AFBI and NBA) to hold a beef conference at Greenmount on Wednesday 21 November 2018. A conference programme will be available shortly.

**Action Point:** Any Board members who wish to attend should advise the Chief Executive.

- **Financials**

The Chief Executive informed the Board that he had been advised informally that the £150K bid for additional resource cover requested in the October monitoring round had been met from easements within the DAERA Food and Farming Group.

**2018/9/9 Northern Ireland Future Agricultural Policy Framework: Stakeholder Engagement**

The document had been issued by DAERA and a copy circulated in the Board papers.

**Action Point:** The Chief Executive will draft a response and circulate to Board members for comment.

**2018/9/10 Updated LMC Policies for Consideration and Approval**

The following updated policies had been circulated to the Board for consideration:

- LMC Procurement Policy;
- LMC Records Management Policy; and
- LMC Information Risk Management Policy.

**Action Point:** The Board approved the above policies.

**2018/9/11 Risk Management/Health & Safety**

- **Risk Register**

**Action Point:** The Board approved the revised Risk Register.

**2018/9/12 Quarterly Business Monitor for April – June 2018**

Noted

**2018/9/13 Any Other Business**

- **Minutes of a Meeting of the Senior Management Team**

Noted

- **Remuneration Committee**

**Action Point:** The Remuneration Committee will arrange to meet before the next Board meeting.

**2018/9/14 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 24 October 2018 at 11.00am at Lissue Walk.

*The meeting ended at 1.45pm*