

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY
24 JUNE 2019 AT 11.00AM AT 1A LISSUE WALK, LISBURN**

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mr I Stevenson
Miss S Blain

2019/6/1 Apologies

None

2019/6/2 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.

2019/6/3 Minutes of Commission Meeting Held on 28 May 2019

The minutes of a meeting, held on 28 May 2019, were approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mr J Lennon
Seconded: Mr P McElroy

2019/6/4 Matters Arising

- **Invest NI**

The Chief Executive advised that he had arranged a catch-up meeting with Invest NI on 24 July 2019 at which he would propose a meeting between Invest NI and red meat industry stakeholders.

- *Withheld – commercially sensitive*

- **Stakeholder Meeting to Outline 2018-19 Performance and to Present Business Plan for 2019-2020**

Action Point: The Chief Executive will develop some proposals for the Board to consider.

2019/6/5 Chairman's Report

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

- **DAERA and LMC Joint Board Meeting 20 June 2019**

The Chairman thanked all Board members for attending the meeting. It had been a useful opportunity to inform the DAERA non-executive Board members of the challenges facing LMC and the red meat industry.

- **Deloitte Food & Drink Industry Dinner 6 June 2019**

The Chairman had attended a dinner at Hillsborough Castle. The key note speaker was Shay Eliaz who leads Deloitte's agrifood division.

- **LMC Media Presence**

The Chairman commented that it was essential to highlight the positive messages of the red meat industry and promote the LMC activities in media. It is a fast moving medium and LMC needs to be able to step up to the plate.

2019/6/6 Chief Executive's Report

- **Resilient Farmer Tour**

LMC has agreed to be a regional sponsor for the Resilient Farmer Tour in the UK. Four tour dates have been confirmed for Northern Ireland in October 2019. The Board agreed it is important to get as much publicity for these events as possible and highlight LMC's involvement.

Action Point: The Chief Executive will email tour dates to other agri-food industry bodies e.g. grain trade, vets and food processors etc. LMC will also seek to arrange some other daytime stakeholder event with Doug Avery while he is in Northern Ireland.

- *Withheld – commercially sensitive*

- **Quality Assurance**

Board members had been circulated with a copy of draft minutes of the most recent FQAS Standard Setting Committee meeting and copies of joint letters (from LMC, QMS and FAWL) to Red Tractor regarding unannounced inspections and a mutually agreeable memorandum of understanding.

Withheld – commercially sensitive

- **Exports**

The Chief Executive updated the Board on recent positive developments regarding the Chinese and USA export markets.

- **LMC Policies**

Action Point: The Board approved the revised LMC Guidance on the Acceptance and Provision of Gifts and Hospitality.

Action Point: The ARAC will be provided with a copy of the LMC Gifts and Hospitality Register at its next meeting.

2019/6/7 *Withheld – commercially sensitive*

2019/6/8 LMC Audit & Risk Assurance Committee Meeting Monday 24 June 2019

The ARAC Chairman provided a verbal report to the Board on the meeting held on 24 June 2019.

Action Point: The Board approved the Governance Statement contained within the Annual Report and Accounts (ARA) for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Proposed: P McElroy

Seconded: G Maguire

Action Point: The Board approved the ARA for the year ended 31 March 2019, subject to the resolution of the NILGOSC issue.

Proposed: P McElroy

Seconded: G Maguire

Action Point: Draft minutes of ARAC meeting on 24 June 2019 will be circulated at the next Board meeting.

2019/6/9 Risk Management/Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

2019/6/10 Any Other Business

None.

2019/6/11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 22 July 2019 at 10.00am at Lissue Walk.

The meeting ended at 12.20pm