

MINUTES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST 2011 AT 10.00AM AT LISSUE HOUSE

Present:

Mr P O'Rourke (Chairman)
Mr P O'Neill
Mr J McGaughey
Mrs M McCormack
Mr J Noble
Mr K Sharkey
Mr C Tweedie

In attendance:

Miss S Blain

*Miss S Blain joined the meeting at 11.10am.
Mr J McGaughey left the meeting at 11.10am.*

2011/9/1 Apologies

None.

2011/9/2 Minutes

The minutes of a meeting held on 26 July 2011, taken as read, were approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mrs M McCormack
Seconded: Mr K Sharkey

2011/9/3 Matters arising

Implementation Group

The Chairman has spoken to Mr K Morrison (DARD) to address the issues raised in the Implementation Group. An update will be available for the September Board Meeting.

Meeting with the Minister

The Chairman reported on LMC's recent meeting with the new DARD Minister. The meeting had briefed the Minister on the role of LMC.

RPA – Pensions Issue

No update.

Withheld – Commercially Sensitive

Mr J McGaughey re-joined the meeting at 11.25am. Mr T McClelland (Local Estate Agent) joined the meeting at 11.25am

2011/9/4 *Withheld – Commercially Sensitive*

Mr McClelland left the meeting at 11.45am

2011/9/5 **Chairman's/Interim Sub-Committee's Report.**

(a) Report of the Interim Sub-Committee

The Chairman reported that a number of meetings had been held with Managers since the last Board Meeting.

(i) Farm Liaison Officer

DARD has approved the use of the FQAS logo in the job advert, and the recruitment process will now proceed.

(ii) Freedom of Information (FOI)

The Chairman updated the Board on the latest FOI requests.

(iii) Meat Trades Journal (MTJ)

The Board felt that the article in the MTJ had been positive for LMC and the NI red meat industry.

(b) NIAO Correspondence

The Chairman circulated a letter from NIAO, which requested a meeting with the LMC Chairman, LMC Accounting Officer and DARD.

Action Point: The Accounting Officer will arrange the meeting in early September 2011.

(c) Update on Appointment of Chief Executive

The Chairman updated the Board on the recruitment process.

Action Point: The Board agreed to proceed with a second interview process on 31 August 2011 (to be held at PWC).

(d) Withheld – Commercially Sensitive

2011/9/6 Marketing Report

The marketing report was noted.

(i) Food NI Ltd

Food NI Ltd has requested to meet with the LMC Board

Action Point: The Chairman will write a letter to acknowledge the Food NI Ltd request and defer the meeting until a new LMC Chief Executive is in post.

2011/9/7 Red Tractor Lifetime Farm Assurance

A briefing paper had been circulated to the Board.

Action Point: The Board agreed that a meeting of the FQAS Industry Board should be convened to give guidance on the issues/questions raised. The Industry Development Manager will arrange.

2011/9/8 SAI Platform

The report was noted.

2011/9/9 Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting would be 21 September 2011 at 11.00am.

The meeting ended at 1.10pm