

MINUTES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th JANUARY 2015 AT 10.00AM AT LISSUE HOUSE

Present:

Mr P O'Rourke (Chairman)
Mrs M McCormack
Mr K Sharkey
Mr I Mark
Mr J Noble
Mr P O'Neill

In attendance:

Mr I Stevenson
Miss S Blain

2015/1 /1 Apologies

No apologies had been received.

2015/1/2 Minutes

The minutes of a Meeting held on 26 November 2014 were approved by the Commission, and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mr P O'Neill

Seconded: Mr I Mark

The minutes of a Meeting held on 11 December 2014 were approved by the Commission, and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mr P McElroy

Seconded: Mrs M McCormick

2015/1/3 Matters arising

(i) Beef Cattle Specification/LMC Protocol

The Chief Executive reported that the protocol had been considered by NIMEA members on 6 January 2015. They had made a few amendments to the protocol which was then tabled at the UFU Beef and Lamb Committee meeting on 26 January 2015. The UFU rejected the amended protocol and advised LMC that it was unlikely to be accepted by its members unless significant changes were made. The Chief Executive advised the Board that he felt that the gap was too big between the two parties and did not propose anything further should be done.

Action Point: The Board agreed with Chief Executive's proposal.

(ii) NILGOSC Meeting

The Chief Executive advised that the meeting would be held on the 10 February 2015. DARD, LMC and NILGOSC representatives would all be attending.

(iii) DARD Request for Financial Assistance

The Chief Executive advised that LMC's share of the travel costs for a DARD senior vet to attend a negotiation meeting with Chinese Government would be in region of £600.

(iv) Minutes of a Meeting held between the LMC Board and DARD Departmental Board

The Board felt the minutes produced by DARD accurately reflected the issues discussed at the meeting held on 11 December 2014.

The Chief Executive advised that since the meeting he had met with DARD representatives to discuss the business case which had been helpful. A meeting was now to be arranged with DFP, date to be confirmed.

The Board considered LMC response to the collection of export levies.

Action Point: The Board agreed to advise DARD that LMC would develop proposals on export levy collection once state aid approval had been received for the Beef and Sheepmeat Sector Improvement Scheme (NI).

(v) LMC Pay Remit 2014/15

The Chief Executive advised that DARD has approved the pay remit and forwarded it to DFP for formal approval.

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Chairman's Report

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

He congratulated Mr P O'Neill on his new position with Irish Farmers' Journal. DARD has been advised of this recent development.

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Chief Executive's Report

(i) Register of Interest Declarations

Action Point: The Chief Executive asked Board Members to update/renew their register of interest declarations by the next Board Meeting.

(ii) LMC Information Asset Register

The Board had been circulated with a draft LMC Information Asset Register.

Action Point: The Board approved the LMC Information Asset Register.

(iii) Update on Red Meat Levy Bodies Group

The Chief Executive updated the Board on Red Meat Levy Bodies Group. There is general agreement between the bodies to work collectively on projects.

Withheld – Commercially Sensitive

(iv) Property Issues

Action Point: The Board agreed that the back lane to Lissue House should be repaired with a permanent surface and some repairs made to the main driveway.

(v) Schedule of Board Meetings and Public Holidays 2015

The Chief Executive circulated a draft schedule to Board Members. A few amendments were proposed to accommodate availability of Board Members.

Action Point: The Board agreed the amended schedule of Board Meetings, and eleven Public Holidays.

2015/1/6

Consideration of Draft LMC Strategic Plan 2015-2018

The Board considered the draft strategic plan. The Chief Executive highlighted the main areas and updates made to reflect the Going for Growth report. The Board suggested a number of further amendments to the plan:

- Access to export markets
- Greenfields
- Genetics

- Criteria for new Board Members
- Stakeholder engagement

Action Point: The Board approved the draft Strategic Plan 2015-2018 subject to the agreed amendments.

Action Point: The Board agreed to invite LMC stakeholders to the Board Meeting on 25 March 2015. The Chief Executive will contact the main industry stakeholders.

2015/1/7 Quarterly Business Monitor (October - December 2014)

Action Point: The monitor was noted and approved by the Board.

2015/1/8 Quarterly Reports from Business Sections (October - December 2014)

Noted.

2015/1/9 LMC Board Self-Assessment

The Chief Executive had circulated blank self-assessment forms to Board Members.

Action Point: Board Members will forward the completed self-assessment forms to the Chief Executive who will aggregate the responses for discussion at the next Board Meeting.

2015/1/10 Any Other Business

No items were notified in advance by Board Members.

2015/1/11 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Board Meeting would be held at 11.00am at Lissie House on Friday 27 February 2015.

The Meeting ended at 1.15pm