

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014 AT 11.00AM  
AT LISSUE HOUSE**

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

Mr I Stevenson  
Miss S Blain

**2014/5/1 Apologies**

No apologies had been received.

**2014/5/2 Minutes**

The minutes of a Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were approved by the Commission, and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mr P O'Neill

Seconded: Mr I Mark

**2014/5/3 Matters arising**

**(i) LMC Property Management**

The Remuneration Committee is to meet on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014 to evaluate the applications.

**(ii) Meeting with DARD Minister**

The Chairman reported that he had received no feedback from DARD regarding arranging the annual meeting of the Board with the Minister.

**Action Point:** The Board agreed to write formally to DARD seeking a meeting with the Minister.

**(iii) Correspondence from NIFCC**

The Chief Executive reported that the FQAS Board had agreed with the LMC Board's decision to fund an amendment to the Aphis Database. The NIFCC Certification Board had also been advised of LMC's decision.

## **2014/5/4 Chairman's Report**

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

### **(i) Balmoral Show**

The Chairman and Board commended staff on a very good presence at Balmoral Show. The Chairman was able to have a brief meeting with the Minister.

Following feedback at the show from stakeholders, LMC is keen to make a positive contribution to the current antagonism within certain industry quarters regarding the state of the beef market, and market specifications.

**Action Point:** The Board directed the Chief Executive to arrange a RMSF meeting, and devise a paper that would enable livestock marts to be invited to part of the meeting.

The Board hoped this could be arranged before the next Board meeting.

## **2014/5/5 Chief Executive's Report**

### **(i) Meeting between the Departmental DARD Board and LMC Board**

The Chief Executive reported that he had been in contact with DARD to arrange a meeting between DARD and LMC Boards. Alternative dates had been forwarded.

**Action Point:** The Board agreed to try and tie in the November 2014 Board Meeting, with a meeting with the DARD Board (27 November 2014). The Chief Executive will liaise with DARD to confirm arrangements.

### **(i) Chair of TB Partnership Group (Publically Advertised)**

DARD had asked the Chief Executive to draw the advert to the attention of the LMC Board. The closing date for applications is 30 May 2014 at noon.

**Action Point:** The Chief Executive will email the advert to Board Members.

*Withheld – Commercially Sensitive*

**(ii) Red Meat Levy Group**

The Chief Executive updated the Board on a meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in Scotland. The next meeting is scheduled for October 2014.

**2014/5/6 LMC Audit Committee Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

The Audit Committee Chairman updated the Board on a meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

The Audit Committee Chairman reported that NIAO indicated that a clean audit opinion was being recommended to the Comptroller and Auditor General. No issues were raised in the draft Report to those Charged with Governance.

The Audit Committee was content to recommend the draft Annual Report and Accounts to the Board for approval.

A number of other issues had also been discussed.

**Action Point:** The Board agreed to change the name of Audit Committee to Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

**Action Point:** The Board agreed to write formally to DARD about highlighting the urgent need to address the board succession issue.

**Action Point:** The Chief Executive will email a copy of DFP's Annual Theft and Fraud Report 2012/13 to Board Members.

**2014/5/7 Consideration of Draft LMC Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014**

**Action Point:** The draft Annual Report and Accounts was approved by the Board, subject to a few small amendments, as recommended by the Audit Committee.

Proposed: Mr K Sharkey

Seconded: Mr P McElroy

**Action Point:** The Board agreed to use the same print format as last year for the Annual Report and Accounts.

**2014/5/8      Consideration of Correspondence from DARD Minister and DETI Head of Policy Regarding a Review of Agri-Food Marketing and Promotion.**

The Chief Executive updated the Board on correspondence received from DARD and DETI.

**Action Point:** The Board confirmed that LMC's position is the same as that adopted in its response to the development of the Agri-Food Strategy Board's "Going for Growth" Report.

**Action Point:** The Chief Executive will arrange a meeting with the DETI Project Board. The list of questions provided by DETI will be circulated to Board Members in advance of the meeting.

**2014/5/9      Beef Market Situation**

The Chief Executive advised the Board that LMC had conducted some analysis on the most efficient number of residencies for cattle. This information will be discussed at the next RMSF Meeting (see 2014/5/4).

**2014/5/10     Any Other Business**

No items notified in advance by Board Members.

**2014/5/11     Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Board Meeting be held at 10.00am in Lissue House on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

*The meeting ended at 1.15pm.*