

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY
24 OCTOBER 2016 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

2016/10/1 Apologies

None

2016/10/2 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.

2016/10/3 Minutes

The minutes of a meeting, held on 26 September 2016, were approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mr H Sinclair
Seconded: Mrs O Chesney

2016/10/4 Matters Arising

(i) *Withheld – commercially sensitive*

(ii) *Withheld – commercially sensitive*

(iii) Annual meeting of ARAC Chairpersons

The ARAC Chairman reported to the Board on the recent meeting of ARAC Chairpersons he had attended.

2016/10/5 Chairman's Report

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

- LMC Live Export Seminar - Cookstown
- Assurance Meeting with Mrs C McMaster (DAERA) and the Chief Executive. (See 2016/10/6 ii)
- Breakfast with Mrs D Dodds MEP at La Mon with guest speaker Mr George Eustace, DEFRA Minister.
- SIAL 2016
The LMC/Invest NI event had been well supported and the DAERA Minister had also attended.
Action Point: LMC will arrange a debriefing with Invest NI.

2016/10/6 Chief Executive's Report

(i) NI Assembly Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee (AERA Committee)

The Chairman and Chief Executive have been invited to give an oral briefing to the AERA Committee on 27 October 2016 on the work of the LMC and its strategic priorities going forward.

(ii) Sponsor Branch Assurance Meeting 13 October 2016

The Chairman and Chief Executive outlined the issues discussed with Mrs McMaster and the LMC sponsorship team.

(iii) Letter to the Permanent Representation of the UK

LMC has met with DAERA European Services Branch to discuss the response to the request for information.

(iv) SIAL 2016

(See 2016/10/5)

2016/10/7 Report from the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee meeting on 24 October 2016

The ARAC Chairman provided a verbal report to the Board.

Action Point: A copy of the draft ARAC minutes will be available for the next Board meeting.

2016/10/8 “Brexit” Negotiations – LMC facilitation of red meat sector position

The Board discussed how LMC might facilitate the red meat sector position regarding “Brexit”.

Action Point: The Board requested that LMC:

- Agree dates for meetings with the sector;
- Arrange a wider group, who have done their thinking in advance, for initial discussions;
- Hold further meetings with a smaller number of participants (if required); and
- Enhance LMC’s profile and reputation for facilitating the process and following up on conclusions.

2016/10/9 Quarterly Business Monitor

Noted

2016/10/10 Quarterly Reports from Business Sections

- FQAS quarterly report – noted

Action Point: The Board requested that the FQAS manager consider showcasing a few NI butchers who support the FQA scheme.

- Industry Development quarterly report – noted
- Market Information quarterly report – noted
- Education quarterly report – noted

Action Point: Mr J Lennon will forward LMC information on cookery demonstrations being held at GAA clubs. The Board felt there may be an opportunity to provide LMC recipe leaflets and promotional resources.

2016/10/11 Risk Management/Health & Safety

The ARAC Chairman had already reported any issues during his update to the Board (See 2016/10/7)

2016/10/12 Any Other Business

(i) Farming Life/ Danske Bank Awards 27 Oct 2016

Action Point: The FQAS Manager will circulate the official invitation to Board Members attending the awards.

(ii) LMC/UFU Beef Conference 17 November 2016

The Chief Executive advised that UFU was handling the registration process. All Board Members had indicated that they would be attending the conference.

2016/10/13 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held at 10.00am on Monday 28 November 2016 at 1A Lissue Walk.

Meeting ended at 1.00pm