

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY
9 JANUARY 2017 AT 10.00AM 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

2017/1/1 Apologies

None

2017/1/2 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.

2017/1/3 Minutes

The minutes of a meeting, held on 28 November 2016, were approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mr P McElroy
Seconded: Mrs O Chesney

2017/1/4 Matters Arising**(i) Supply Chain Tours**

The Chief Executive advised that a meeting between LMC, NIMEA and UFU was being held on 10 January 2017 to discuss the matter.

(ii) School Cookery Demonstrations

The DAERA Minister has not been able to confirm a suitable date to attend a LMC school cookery demonstration this academic year.

Mr McElroy had recently attended a school cookery demonstration and recommended the experience to other Board members.

Action Point: The Chief Executive will arrange for a list of upcoming school cookery demonstrations to be circulated to Board members.

Action Point: The Chief Executive will extend an invitation to the Chair of the UFU Beef and Lamb Committee to attend a cookery demonstration.

(iii) Congratulations

Action Point: The Board agreed to send a letter to Mr Tony O'Neill to congratulate him on his recent award of an OBE, announced in the New Year's honours list.

2017/1/5 Summary of Board Review of LMC Strategic Plan 2016-19 on 12 December 2016.

The Chief Executive had circulated a summary of the Board discussions on the Strategic Plan 2016-19.

Action Point: The Board endorsed the summary review document. The Senior Management Team will now develop a draft Business Plan for 2017-2018.

2017/1/6 Correspondence

(i) Timetable for the preparation and approval of LMC 2017/18 Business Plan, 2017/20 Strategic Plan and 2016-17 Annual Report and Accounts.

Action Point: The Board agreed to submit the summary review document to DAERA (See 2017/1/5).

Action Point: The Board noted the proposed timetable.

(ii) DAO 10/16 – Key lessons learned from NIAO report and PAC hearing into Northern Ireland Events Company.

Action Point: The Board considered the recommendations of DAO 10/16 and completed the pro-forma document where relevant. The Chief Executive will forward LMC's response to DAERA.

2017/1/7 Chairman's Report

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

- Appraisals
These had been completed on all Board Members and the Chief Executive. Very positive appraisals during a difficult year.

2017/1/8 Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive had provided a written report in the Board papers for the meeting.

(i) Internal Economic Appraisals

Action Point: The following internal economic appraisal had been approved by the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee:

- Text messaging.

(ii) *Withheld – commercially sensitive*

(iii) Brexit

Following the stakeholder event hosted by LMC in December these resulting actions had been proposed.

Action Point: LMC will produce a paper to represent a red meat industry view.

Action Point: LMC will present the industry view to the DAERA minister.

The Chief Executive advised the Board of an IFJ Navigating Global Trade Seminar being held at the end of January.

Action Point: The Chief Executive will circulate details to Board members.

(iv) Livestock Genetics

The Chief Executive updated the Board on the progress of the livestock genetics initiative. AFSB Livestock Genetics Sub-Group had advised that the submission of the business case to DAERA was imminent.

The Board was supportive in principle of pump priming this important initiative on behalf of the beef and sheep industry, subject to a clear understanding of what the red meat processors and the dairy sector thought of the initiative and would they buy into it.

Action Point: The Chief Executive will discuss the initiative and seek an opinion from NIMEA.

Action Point: The Board requested the Chief Executive invite Mr Steven Morrison (AgriSearch) to the next Board meeting.

(v) BVD

The Chief Executive updated the Board on the BVD Scheme and LMC's potential involvement. DAERA has indicated a starting date of 1 February 2017.

2017/1/9 Risk Management/Health & Safety

Withheld – commercially sensitive

2017/1/10 Any Other Business

None

2017/1/11 Date of Next Meeting

The next Board meeting would be held at 11.00am on 27 February 2017 at 1A Lissue Walk.

Meeting ended at 12.15pm