**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY**

**25 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 10.00AM AT 1A LISSUE WALK, LISBURN.**

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| **Present:** | **In attendance:** |
| Mr G McGivern (Chairman) | Mr I Stevenson  |
| Mrs O ChesneyMr J LennonMr P McElroyMr G MaguireMr H Sinclair | Miss S Blain |
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**2017/8/1 Apologies**

No apologies had been received.

**2017/8/2 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.

**2017/8/3 Minutes**

The minutes of a meeting, held on 24 July 2017, were approved by

 the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

 Proposed: Mrs O Chesney

 Seconded: Mr H Sinclair

**2017/8/4 Matters Arising**

None.

**2017/8/5** **Chairman’s Report**

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

Meeting.

* NIFDA Appetite for Growth Conference – 21 Sept 2017

“Navigating the Challenges Ahead”

**2017/8/6 Chief Executive’s Report**

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

the meeting.

1. **BVD Scheme**

The BVD scheme is due to close on 30 September 2017. Due to LMC’s successful involvement, this may open up other opportunities to work with DAERA, AHWNI and others.

1. **Red Tractor**

The Chief Executive reported that a meeting had been held between senior representatives of Assured Food Standards (owners of Red Tractor) and the FQAS Board. The FQAS Board felt the meeting had been useful and that continued engagement between Red Tractor and FQAS was essential.

1. **FQAS Dinner**

All Board Members are invited to attend this event on 7 November 2017**.**

1. **Sheep Conference**

All Board Members are invited to attend the conference on 29 November 2017 at Greenmount.

**2017/8/7 LMC Annual Report 2016-17**

 **Action Point:** The Board approved the draft annual report.

Proposed: Mrs O Chesney

Seconded: Mr J Lennon

**2017/8/8** *Withheld – commercially sensitive*

**2017/8/9 LMC Report-Impact of WTO Trading on the NI Beef & Sheep**

**Meat Industry**

The Chief Executive reported that the Financial Times had exclusively published an article in today’s online version of the paper to coincide with the publication of the LMC report. The report will now be circulated to the wider agri-press, industry organisations and political representatives.

**Action Point:** The ARAC Chairman advised that the internal business

case/economic appraisal for the LMC report had been

 approved by the ARAC.

2**017/8/10 Anuga 2017**

The Industry Development Manager, Economist and Farm Quality

 Assurance Manager will be attending Anuga 2017 on behalf of LMC.

They will take copies of the LMC WTO report to discuss with other

attendees.

**Action Point:** The Board requested the LMC attendees circulate a short

report on the Anuga 2017 trade fair at the next Board

meeting.

**2017/8/11 LMC Strategy Day - 3 October 2017**

The strategy day will be held in the Vic-Ryn conference room in Lisburn,

 starting at 9.15am. All staff and Board members have been invited to

 attend.

**2017/8/12** R**isk Management/Health & Safety**

None.

**2017/8/13 Any Other Business**

None.

**2017/8/14 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held at 10.00am on 23 October 2017 at

1A Lissue Walk.