

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY
23 MAY 2018 AT 11.00AM AT 1A LISSUE WALK, LISBURN.**

Present:

Mr G McGivern (Chairman)
Mrs O Chesney
Mr G Maguire
Mr P McElroy
Mr H Sinclair

In attendance:

Mr I Stevenson
Miss S Blain

2018/6/1 Apologies

An apology had been received from Mr J Lennon.

2018/6/2 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.

2018/6/3 Minutes of Commission Meeting held on 3 May 2018

The minutes of a meeting, held on 3 May 2018, were approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mrs O Chesney

Seconded: Mr P McElroy

2018/6/4 Matters Arising

None.

2018/6/5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on meetings / events he had attended since the last Board Meeting:

- **Balmoral Show**

The Chairman commended the LMC staff on the excellent stand and hard work involved over the 4 days of the show. He also thanked all the Board Members for their willingness to be involved and attendance at the show.

- **Launch of Agribusiness Report (IFJ/KPMG)**

The Chairman had attended the launch of the sixth annual KPMG Agribusiness Irish Farmers Journal report.

Action Point: The Board agreed that it could be a good time in the Brexit negotiations to write to the Prime Minister, Brexit Secretary and NI Secretary of State about Northern Ireland, the Customs Union and Red Meat Industry.

2018/6/6 Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive gave a verbal report to the Board members.

- *Withheld – commercially sensitive*

- **Northern Ireland Agri-Food Marketing Organisation(NIAMO)**

The Chief Executive advised that a meeting had been arranged with the Permanent Secretary of DEO to find out the current position regarding the NIAMO. Representatives from NIMEA, Pork and Bacon Forum, Dairy Council for NI and LMC will attend the meeting.

Action Point: The Chief Executive will keep the Board informed.

- **Long Term Meat Trends**

LMC is hosting a morning seminar on Long-Term Meat Trends at Greenmount on 14 June 2018. Mr Richard Brown from GIRA will be the main speaker. Meat processing companies and LMC stakeholders have been invited to attend.

Action Point: Board members will advise the Chief Executive if they wish to attend.

- **House of Commons Northern Ireland Affairs Committee's ongoing inquiry: *Brexit and Northern Ireland: Agriculture***

The Chief Executive reported that LMC has been invited to submit written evidence to, and perhaps attend in person, an evidence session in Westminster.

Action Point: The Chief Executive will write to the Committee and refer it to the previous submission made by LMC to the EFRA Committee, as well as the WTO report commissioned by LMC.

2018/6/7 Risk Management/Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

2018/6/8 Report from ARAC Meeting on 23 May 2018

The ARAC Chairman provided a verbal report to the Board.

Action Point: Draft minutes of the ARAC meeting on 23 May 2018 will be circulated at the next Board meeting.

2018/6/9 *Withheld – commercially sensitive*

2018/6/10 Final LMC Management Accounts to end of March 2018

Noted

2018/6/11 Any Other Business

None

2018/6/12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 25 June 2018 at 10.00am at Lissue Walk

The meeting ended at 1.00pm