



25 January 2017

TO: ALL RURAL ENTERPRISE POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dear Member,

The Rural Enterprise Policy Committee meeting will be held on:

**WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2017
UFU HQ, 475 ANTRIM ROAD, BELFAST
@11AM**

COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of meeting held on 4 August 2016
3. Matters Arising
4. Correspondence
5. RHI
6. Lobby Update
 - On-Farm Storage Update
 - Local Supply Update
7. Rating of Small Scale Renewables
8. Republic of Ireland and Renewables
9. Belfast Telegraph Cup Nomination
10. Any other business

**CHRIS OSBORNE
SECRETARY**

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT LOUGHRY COLLEGE ON WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2017**

ATTENDEES

B Bell (President), I Ferguson (Deputy), V Chestnutt (Deputy), W Aston (CEO), RG Alcorn, M Blair, B Boyes, I Brown, D Brown, A Chambers, C Cleland, D Dunlop, T Forgrave, D Fulton, W Graham, K Hawkes, R Hayes, W Irvine, R Irvine, S Johnston, RB Kennedy, RJB Little, F Magill, I Marshall, W Mayne, T McCracken, J McCullagh, P McKay, SJ Millar, E Reid, J Rollston, H Sinclair, RS Stewart, K Wilson & J Wright.

APOLOGIES

RTJ Abernethy, W Armstrong, R Bingham, W Bolton, I Buchanan, R Burgess, N Fraser, JG Furey, GA Hamilton, F Hanna, T Jamison, R Keatley, A Little, H Loney, M Malone, MJ McBride, RA McCloy, J Milligan, J Moore, JA Nicholl, J O'Brien, W O'Neill, D Ramsey, W Rollston, A Sampson, R Simmons, J Speers, B Thompson, C Tweed, M Watson, F Watson & RA Wilson.

WELCOME

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 30 November 2016 were approved and signed.

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

SECTION	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	TO BE ACTIONED BY	PROGRESS/ STATUS
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MATTERS ARISING

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Group Returns

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Management Accounts

Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry

President's Report

The President presented his report to the Executive and the following issues were discussed. COM-00531

1.

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2. **Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme:** Discussion on the extent of the Union's involvement in this issue and agreed that this was broader than farming and the Union should therefore continue with the approach that it had taken to date.

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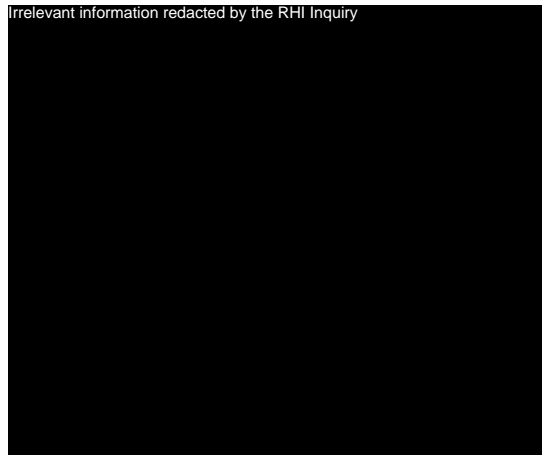
10.

**Policy
Committee
Reports**

**County/Group
Committee
Business**

**Any Other
Business**

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**Date
Of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the UFU Executive will be held on Wednesday 22 February 2016.

Signed

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
UFU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2017**



Key issues which UFU have/are dealing with since last Executive Meeting.

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NI ASSEMBLY

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RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE SCHEME

- The significant design failings in what would have been an otherwise good scheme and the associated media frenzy which resulted has publicly demonised the many legitimate users of this scheme to the extent that the Union advised its members directly involved to not permit their names to be disclosed until audits have been carried out.
- We also declined to comment on the participation of individual members within the scheme.
- We remain concerned that attempts are being made to now re-write existing pre-tariff introduction contracts to generate cost savings for the scheme which could significantly disadvantage the businesses that invested in these boilers and the Union welcomes the establishment of the Renewable Heat Association (RHANI) to represent the interests of the renewable heat industry in this regard.
- In terms of our historic involvement in the closure of the scheme, in July 2015 we did highlight to relevant Departmental officials the potential for a spike in applications and we also proposed the provision of a grace period for those whose applications were in the pipeline and who had already committed to putting in boilers and associated works.

LAND MOBILITY/NEXT GENERATION GROUP

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TB STRATEGIC PARTNERHIP GROUP REPORT

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- [Redacted]

ANC SUPPORT

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- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

REVIEW OF WINTER FLOODING

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FARM BUSINESS INVESTMENT SCHEME (FBIS)

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ENVIRONMENTAL FARMING SCHEME (EFS)

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NI FOOD MARKETING BODY/LIVESTOCK GENOMICS SCHEME

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POULTRY

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BASIC PAYMENT SCHEME

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BVD

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AGRICULTURAL WAGES BOARD

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