

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Held at Loughry College on Wednesday 22nd October 2014**

Attendees: - Ian Marshall (President), B Bell & I Ferguson (Deputy Presidents)
C Black (Chief Executive)
RTJ Abernethy, TA Addison, M Blair, J Brown, RA Brown, R&J Burgess,
A Chambers, C Cleland, R Davidson, RG Erwin, J Fleming, T Forgrave,
G Hawkes, K Hill, R Irvine, G,B&S Kelly, MJ McBride, H McCollum,
M McCollum, T&M McCracken, R McKee, B Megahey, SJ Millar, C Millar,
J Moore, P Reid, A Sampson, KJ Sharkey, H Sinclair, K Telford
& J Wright.

Apologies: - AC Acheson, A Brown, I Buchanan, R Campbell, V Chestnutt, JR&RN Cochrane,
D Crockett, WJ Cromie, A Foster, JG Furey, M Gordon, WC Harpur,
S Hunter, W Irvine, T Jamison, F Magill, M Malone, W Mayne, RA McCloy,
G McCollum, D McCracken, J McCullagh, JA Nicholl, W&S O'Neill,
R Pillow, J Speers, AN Swan, J Taylor, J Thompson, B Thompson,
C Tweed, M Watson & F Watson.

Welcome Ian Marshall, President, opened the meeting welcoming all present.

Minutes The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 24th of September 2014 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising There were no matters arising which would not be dealt with under subsequent agenda headings.

Group Returns

Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry

**Management
Accounts**

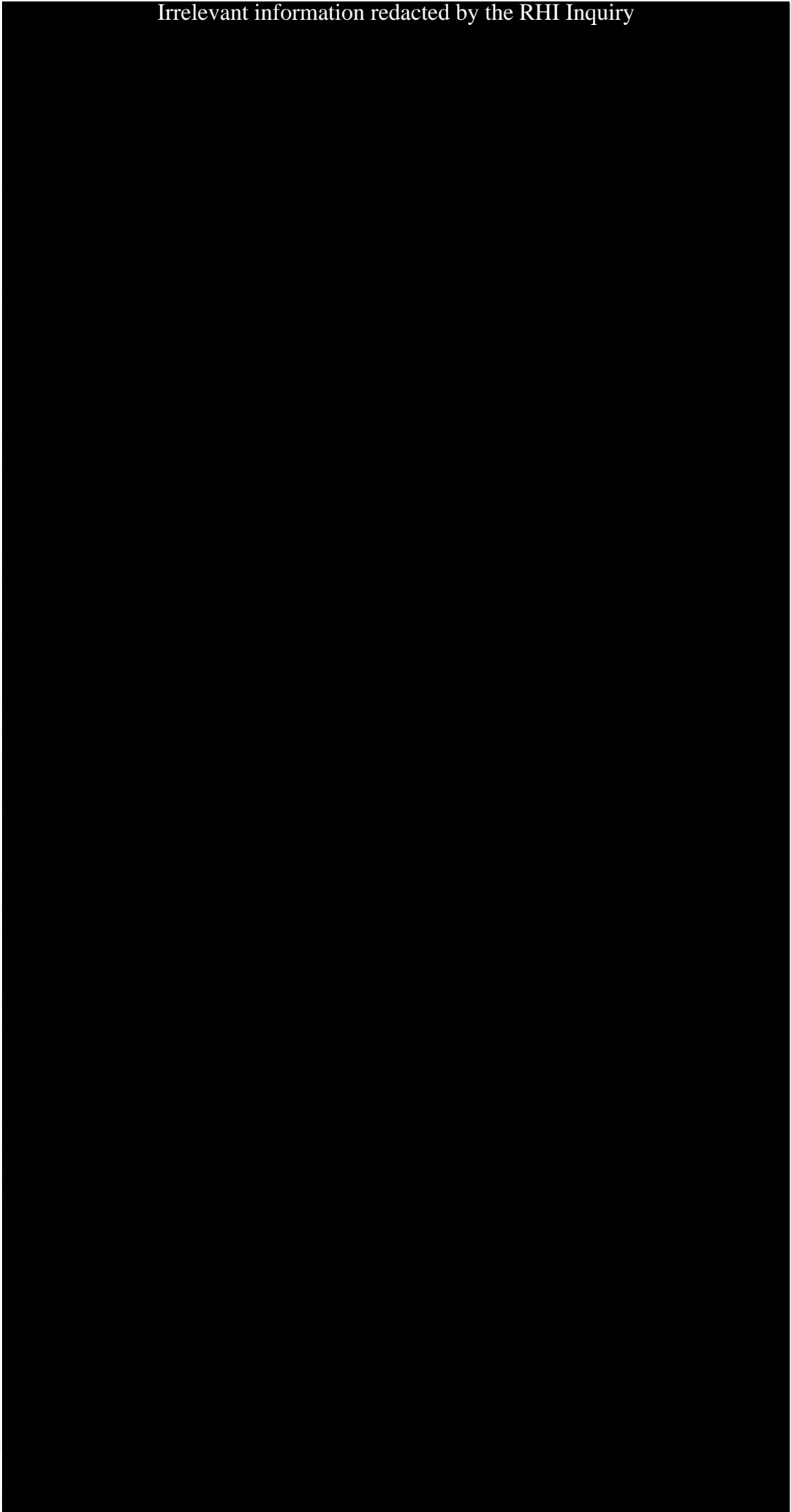
**President's
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Policy
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2. **Rural Enterprise:** The Chair of the Rural Enterprise Committee informed Executive members that an improved Renewable Heat Incentive was now available, which should be of particular interest to those farm businesses which had a requirement for heat. Also the Chair reminded members of the Practical On Farm Renewables Event which would be taking place at Greenmount College on Tuesday the 28th of October. In response to a query about the potential for renewable energy installations to be rated, it was the Union's understanding that any energy installation had the potential to attract the attention of the rating authorities on the basis that as a non agricultural enterprise it would not meet the agricultural criteria for rates exemption. Members considering any of these projects were advised to factor a rating cost into their financial projections.

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**County/Group
Committee
Resolutions**

No County or Group resolutions had been received.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Executive is scheduled for **Wednesday the 26th November in Loughry College at 7.30 pm.**

**Any Other
Business**

There being no further business the President brought the meeting to a close wishing everyone a safe journey home.

Signed:

Column: Commodity Watch

Renewable Heat Incentive extended to include domestic properties

By **CHRIS OSBORNE**
UFU Senior Policy Officer

The Department of Trade Enterprise and Investment (DETI) has concluded the consultation on Phase 2 of the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) and consequently announced that a scheme will be launched to include domestic properties.

RHI TO DATE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Non-Domestic RHI - The non-domestic RHI (Renewable Heat Incentive) provides non-domestic properties with ongoing payments for the use of eligible renewable heat technology. This scheme is administered by OFGEM and has been in place since November 2012.

RHPP - Up until now, there

was no Domestic RHI, instead domestic customers were able to apply for the RHPP (Renewable Heat Premium Payment). DETI have confirmed that domestic customers within the RHPP do not need to take any action as they will be contacted by DETI officials.

DOMESTIC RHI

The scheme will be administered by DETI and will be open to all domestic properties assuming the property is capable of getting a domestic Energy Performance Certificate (EPC). The EPC is the proof DETI need to confirm that a property is assessed as a domestic 'dwelling'.

ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE HEATING SYSTEM TYPES;

- Biomass boilers
- Air source heat pumps
- Ground source heat pumps
- Solar thermal panels (Flat plate or evacuated tube

only)

There are other requirements under the scheme, biomass and heat pump systems must provide space heating (heating rooms in a house) or space and water heating. Solar thermal panels - and should only provide hot water for your home. Applicants will have to heat their homes using a 'wet' central heating system such as radiators. In addition, hot water should not include any use which is not domestic.

UPFRONT PAYMENTS AND ONGOING INCENTIVES

The Domestic RHI payments have two elements: an upfront payment paid on accreditation and an ongoing incentive payment paid annually. The upfront payment is a set amount based on your technology and the ongoing payment is variable depending on the heat requirements/use in your property. The upfront payments are as follows:

- Biomass - £2500

- Air Source Heat Pump - £1700
- Ground Source Heat Pump - £3500
- Solar thermal - £320

It should be noted that if you have already received support under the RHPP you will only receive the ongoing payment.

The ongoing payments are calculated multiplying a tariff with the heat demand/use in your home.

The current tariff rates in pence per kilo watt hour (p/kWh) are as follows:

- Biomass - 5.6 p/kWh
- Air Source Heat Pump - 3.5 p/kWh
- Ground Source Heat Pump - 8.2 p/kWh
- Solar thermal - 13.5p/kWh

These will be reviewed annually according to the RPI.

REQUIREMENTS;

- You must be the owner

of an eligible heating system

- The property must be occupied as a dwelling
- The renewable heating system must be certified under MCS

- No part of the system used to produce heat may have been used before the first commissioning date

- The heating system must have been first commissioned on or after 01/09/2010.

- You must apply within 12 months of the commissioning date of the system.

METERING

Most domestic applicants will not need to install a meter to receive payment although some may have to.

WHAT NEXT?

The Domestic RHI has not yet opened. A further announcement will be made on how to apply for the domestic RHI once the scheme is open for applications.

Announcements & Enquiries

HERE'S HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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Downpatrick

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Tel: 028 8778 9770
Fax: 028 8778 8200

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Ballyclare: 028 9335 2089
Ballymena: 028 2565 2773
Ballymoney: 028 2766 3101
Ballynahinch: 028 9756 0887
Banbridge: 028 4062 5444
Coleraine: 028 7034 2693
Cookstown: 028 8676 2632
Rumlin: 028 9442 2185
Downpatrick: 028 4461 2782
Bangor: 028 8772 5973
Baniskillen: 028 6632 6622
Mavady: 028 7776 2996
Sburn: 028 9266 2850
Arne: 028 2827 2728
Lagherafelt: 028 7963 2127
Larkhill: 028 3755 1612

Brief
Support Group

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