**Minutes CAP Post 2020 Consultative Committee meeting**

**Wednesday 4th of September 2019 @ 2pm in Agriculture House**

**In attendance:**

**DAFM** Paul Savage, Assistant Secretary General (Chair), Sharon Murphy, EU Division, Fran Morrin, CAP Entitlements Division, Ted Massey, EU Division, Corina Roe, Rural Development Division, Ultan Waldron, Rural Development Division.

See **Annex 1** for list of other organisations and names of their representatives in attendance.

**Item 1. Minutes from the meeting on 11th of July and matters arising**.

The Chair welcomed the stakeholders to the meeting. The Chair requested any comments/ amendments to the draft minutes be emailed to designated email address [CAPConsultativeCommittee@agirculture.gov.ie](mailto:CAPConsultativeCommittee@agirculture.gov.ie)

**Developments at EU level since July -** Finland now hold the Council Presidency, they are aiming for a partial general approach or at least to progress as far as possible, this will depend on progress towards agreeing the Multi-annual Financial Framework (MFF) and developments within the European Parliament over the coming months. Various Working Party and SCA meetings will take place over the coming weeks. The Chair will keep the Committee informed of proceedings.

**Item 2. Modelling on the CAP proposals for direct payments Post 2020**

Introducing this agenda Item, the Chair outlined how the last meeting’s presentation gave details on current direct payments. Today’s modelling presentation will explore the situation under proposals for CAP post-2020.

Fran Morrin, DAFM CAP Entitlements Division gave a presentation on the modelling based on the draft regulations. It’s a modelling exercise, no policy arrangements agreed yet. Direct payments system is an interacting measure, it is complex. The presentation is based on the best evidence available.

The Committee responded with comments and queries. These covered a wide range of issues including increasing the sustainability of Irish agriculture, diversification, sectoral interventions, generational renewal, the proposed Complementary Redistributive Income Support for Sustainability (CRISS), and concerns that the eco-scheme could impact the potential for Pillar 2 agri-environmental schemes.

Responding DAFM outlined that no modelling had been done around possibilities for CRISS/front loading at this stage as its awaiting greater clarity in the legislation along with what emerges from the SWOT Analysis for the overall CAP Strategic Plan. Possibilities around sectoral interventions were also elaborated. The Chair outlined how the CAP Strategic Plan will be developed in the context of everything else that is currently on-going, for example All of Govt. Climate Action Plan. To achieve maximum impact everything must be coherent; we can’t just look at CAP in isolation. In relation to water quality and bio-diversity, it must be complementary across government departments and DAFM will be liaising with its Departmental colleagues in this regard. In addition, some of the issues outlined should feed into the CAP Strategic Plan SWOT Analysis.

**Item 3. Public Consultation on the SWOT for the CAP Strategic Plan**

The Chair outlined the public consultation on the draft SWOT analysis will run until 11th October. It will be formally launched on 9th September, and details will be circulated to the Committee today. Town hall events will take place in Cork (26th of Sept), Sligo (2nd of Oct) and Portlaoise (3rd of October). There will also be a Stakeholders event on 4th of October in Tullamore.

Ultan Waldron, DAFM Rural Development Division then gave an overview of the draft SWOT analysis and the process involved.

Stakeholders indicated that they are looking forward to seeing the SWOT quadrants. The Chair discussed the structure of the draft SWOT which is based around the 9 specific objectives, there is some overlap, especially in the environmental objectives 4, 5 and 6, the Chair confirmed there is no sectoral breakdown in the SWOT. He encouraged stakeholders to submit their submissions in response to the public consultation.

The Chair confirmed that due to delays in progress at EU level the original deadline of January 2020 for each Member State’s CAP Strategic Plan was an unlikely target, but the Commission has not yet presented transitional arrangements; the Chair confirmed this has been raised with the Commission and the Committee will be kept informed.

**Item 4. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed, it will possibly be mid-October/early November.

**Item 5. AOB**

No points raised under any other business.

See overleaf for Annex 1.

**Annex 1. Non-DAFM attendees at the CAP Post-2020 Consultative Committee, 04/09/19**

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| **Committee member/Representative** | **Organisation** |
| Bleasdale, Andy | Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht |
| Carter, Clive | Irish Grain Growers Association |
| Deakin, Jenny | EPA |
| Duggan, Oonagh | Environmental Pillar |
| Dillon, Derrie | Macra |
| Farrell, Eamonn | ICOS - Irish Cooperative Organisation Society |
| Flynn, David | Department of Housing Planning & Local Government |
| Graham, Edmund | ICSA - Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers Association |
| Gunning, Gerry | IFA - Irish Farmers Association |
| Hanrahan, Kevin | Teagasc |
| Henry, Pat | Department of Rural and Community Development |
| Kelly, Dr. Edel | UCD |
| Lumley, Ian | An Taisce |
| Lynch, Donal | Department of Public Expenditure and Reform |
| Maughan, Frank | Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment |
| Smyth, Paul | ICMSA |
| Mulvihill, Conor | Dairy Industry Ireland |
| O'Donnell, Colm | Irish Natura & Hill Farmers Association |
| O'Driscoll, Owen | Agricultural Consultants Association |
| Phelan, Edmond | ICSA - Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers Association |
| Stanley Smith, Charles | Environmental Pillar |
| Westbrook, Gillian | IOFGA |