



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2013
SENATE CHAMBER

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Séan Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA
Mr Ross Hussey MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA
Mr Ian McCrea MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

In attendance:

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)
Mr Nathan McVeigh (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Ms Tara McKee (Clerical Supervisor)
Ms Alison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)
Mr Brian Mahon (Bursary Student)

Apologies:

Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA

10.32am The meeting commenced in public session

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

None.

3. Draft Minutes

10.36am *Mr McNarry joined the meeting*

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 9th January 2012.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding Northern Ireland Water Equal Pay.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding the A6 Randalstown to Castledawson Dualling Scheme.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding the Future Railways Investment Consultation paper.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from Carnegie UK regarding a new report entitled 'Enabling State: A Discussion Paper'.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Institution of Civil Engineers regarding the Inquiry into Comprehensive Transport Delivery Structures and agreed to include in submissions to the Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding the Trans-European Transport Network and the Connecting Europe Facility Regulations.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Utility Regulator regarding an invitation to meet the board.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence regarding a visit to Northern Ireland by the Welsh Water Managing Director.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding 2012-2013 January Monitoring Round update.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding the Belfast on the Move Transport Masterplan.

Agreed: The Committee noted suggested questions for the briefings in relation to the Water Bill and the Committee Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee noted the Waiting Restrictions (Bangor) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

Agreed: The Committee noted the Waiting Restrictions (Londonderry) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013.

Agreed: The Committee would write to Translink supporting their drivers and staff during the time of these protests and asking for clarification on what services have been redirected and if this includes Ulsterbus services.

5. Utility Regulator Briefing: Water Bill

10.48am The following representatives joined the meeting:

Jo Aston, Director
Shane Lynch, Chief Executive

The representatives presented to the Committee in respect of the above. Following the presentation, Members put questions.

11.14am Mr Lynch left the meeting

11.17am Mr Lynch rejoined the meeting

11.20am Mr McNarry left the meeting

11.21am Mr McNarry rejoined the meeting

11.22am Mr McAleer left the meeting

11.51am Mr McAleer rejoined the meeting

11.23am The representatives left the meeting

6. Consumer Council Briefing: Water Bill

11.24am The following representatives joined the meeting:

Aodhan O'Donnell, Director of Policy
Kathy Graham, Head of Water

The representatives presented to the Committee in respect of the above. Following the presentation, Members put questions.

7 Subordinate legislation not subject to Assembly procedure

Members noted:

- The Waiting Restrictions (Bangor) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Waiting Restrictions (Londonderry) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

11.56am The meeting was suspended

1.04pm The meeting recommenced in public session.

8. Consumer Council Briefing: The Inquiry into Better Use of Public and Community Sector Funds for the Delivery of Bus Transport in Northern Ireland

1.04pm The following representatives joined the meeting:

Aodhan O'Donnell- Director of Policy
Scott Kennerley- Head of Transport

The representatives presented to the Committee in respect of the above. Following the presentation, Members put questions.

1.07pm Mr McCrea joined the meeting

1.30pm Mr McNarry left the meeting

1.43pm The Officials left the meeting

9. North Coast Community Transport Briefing: The Inquiry into Better Use of Public and Community Sector Funds for the Delivery of Bus Transport in Northern Ireland

1.44pm The following representatives joined the meeting:

Billy Moore- Manager N.C.C.T
Marie McGinnis- Director N.C.C.T
Thelma Dillon- Chairperson of Causeway Older Active Strategic Team (C.O.A.S.T)

The representatives presented to the Committee in respect of the above. Following the presentation, Members put questions.

2.21pm *The Officials left the meeting*

10. Any Other Business

Stewart Dickson requested that the Committee write to the Lough Swilly Bus Company that operate cross border bus services. The Committee agreed to write to the company for their views on the inquiry.

11. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 23th January 2013 at 10.30am in the Room 29.

2.21pm *The meeting was adjourned*

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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