



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2013
ROOM 21

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Ian McCrea MLA
Mr David McNarry 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)
Brian Mahon (Bursary Student)

Apologies:

None received

10.30am *The meeting commenced in closed session to discuss legal advice.*

10.32am *Dolores Kelly entered meeting.*

10.32am *Stewart Dickson entered meeting.*

10.39am *Ian McCrea entered meeting.*

11.04am *John Dallat left meeting.*

11.06am *John Dallat rejoined meeting.*

11.13am *David McNarry left meeting.*

11.17am *David McNarry rejoined meeting*

11.19am *Meeting reopened in public session.*

11.18am Sean Lynch left meeting.

11.19am Meeting reopened in public session.

11.20am Sean Lynch rejoined meeting.

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

None.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 30th January 2013.

4. Briefing from the Minister for Regional Development regarding the Lennon case.

11.21am the following representatives joined the meeting

Danny Kennedy, Minister for Regional Development
David Orr, Finance Resources and Water Policy Division

11.45am John Dallat left meeting.

5. Correspondence

12.07pm Members noted correspondence received.

Agreed: Item 1: That the deadline for the Ministerial response to the Report on the Committee Inquiry into Unadopted Roads be extended to March 2013.

Agreed: Item 2: Correspondence from Margaret Ritchie MP regarding unadopted roads be forwarded to the Department for comment.

Agreed: Item 3: Correspondence from the Committee for the Environment regarding the Review of Bus Operator Licensing.

Agreed: Item 4: Correspondence from the Committee for the Office of the First and deputy First Minister regarding EU priorities.

Agreed: Item 5: Correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the Trans-European Transport Network and the Connecting Europe Facility Regulations.

Agreed: Item 6: Correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the Role of PSNI in parking enforcement.

Agreed: Item 7: Correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Translink new rail timetables.

Agreed: Item 8: Correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Translink and community transport.

Agreed: Item 9: Correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Northern Ireland road and rail transport statistics July to September 2012.

Agreed: Item 10: Correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding queries following oral evidence on the Inquiry into the Better Use of Public and Community Sector Funds.

Agreed: Item 11: Correspondence from the Department for Transport regarding Trans-European Transport Network and Connecting Europe Facility Regulations.

Agreed: Item 12: That the Institution of Civil Engineers provide oral briefing to the Committee.

Agreed: Item 13: Correspondence from IMTAC regarding blue badge survey and walking routes in Belfast City Centre.

Agreed: Item 14: Correspondence from Guide Dogs NI regarding Audio Visual on Buses be forwarded to the Department for comment.

Agreed: Item 15: Correspondence from a member of the public regarding Scarva train station be forwarded to the Department for comment.

Agreed: Item 16: Correspondence from the National Transport Authority regarding presentation to the Committee.

Agreed: Tabled: Correspondence from the Committee for the Office of the First and deputy First Minister regarding an invitation to a mid-term review with Minister of State for European Affairs.

Agreed: Tabled: Correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding press releases in relation to Lennon case.

Agreed: Tabled: Correspondence from the Committee for the Environment regarding the Committee Inquiry into Unadopted Roads.

Agreed: Tabled: Correspondence from the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport regarding integrated transport be admitted as evidence.

6. Subordinate Legislation not subject to Assembly Procedure

12.09 pm Members noted:

- The Road Races (Tandragee 100) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Cairncastle Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Spamount Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

7. SL1: The Curran Street and Obins Street, Portadown (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

Members were content with the merits of the following policy proposal: The Curran Street and Obins Street, Portadown (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013.

8. Any Other Business

Dolores Kelly MLA, asked for the Committee to correspond with IMTAC and the Department to get their views on the issue of blue stickers on for carers of blue badge holders.

9. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 27th February 2013 at 10.30am in Room 21.

12.12pm The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
27/02/13