



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 2013
ROOM 21

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Ian McCrea MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA
Mr Ross Hussey 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)

Apologies:

Mr Stewart Dickson MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

10.35am The meeting commenced in open session.

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson give an overview of the Committee's study visit to Holland.

10.41am Mr Lynch joined the meeting

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 27th February 2013.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister for Regional Development regarding Unadopted Roads.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the ETI Committee regarding the Financial Capability Strategy for Northern Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding EU proposal on alternative fuel infrastructure.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding unadopted roads and agreed to write to the Department asking what agreement has been made with NILGA to establish with local councils what roads are a problem and to ask for any records the Department has in relation to this issue.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding bus fire incident in Moneymore.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding taxis in bus lanes.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding audio visual information systems on new buses.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding queries in relation to the briefing on Accessible Transport Strategy.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from IMTAC regarding Accessible Transport Strategy.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from Alan Lennon, regarding a briefing from the Minister for Regional Development and agreed to forward to the Department for response.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from OFMdFM regarding Activity Report for DRD.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Value Cabs regarding taxis in bus lanes.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Connal Hughes, public regarding taxis in bus lanes.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from NI Greenways regarding Belfast cycle lanes and agreed to forward to DRD for comment.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Sustrans regarding an update in relation to the organisation.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Bob Pue, public regarding Belfast Rapid Transit and agreed to seek further clarification from the Department.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Translink regarding Scarva train station.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding the contract for the provision of passenger transport services in Northern Ireland.

5. Translink Briefing: Passenger Charter Results

10.55am the following officials joined the meeting

Ciaran Rogan, Translink
Norman Maynes, Translink
Anne Breen, Department for Regional Development

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

- 11.10am Mr McCrea joined the meeting*
- 11.22am Mr Hussey left the meeting*
- 11.23am Mr Easton rejoined the meeting*
- 11.24am Mr McNarry left the meeting*
- 11.29am The officials left the meeting*

6. Translink Briefing: Passenger Charter Results

11.30am the following officials joined the meeting

Clive Bradberry, Translink

Brendan Harkin, Translink

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

11.31am Mr Hussey left the meeting

11.34am Mr McNarry rejoined the meeting

11.46am Mr McAleer left the meeting

11.52am Mr McAleer rejoined the meeting

12.00pm Mr McAleer left the meeting

12.01pm Mr Hussey left the meeting

12.04pm The officials left the meeting

7. Department of Regional Development Briefing: Business Plan 2013/2014

12.05pm the following officials joined the meeting

Richard Pengelly, Permanent Secretary

Dr Andrew Murray, Chief Executive Roads Service

Barney McGahan, Regional Planning and Transportation Group

David Orr (CBE), Finance, Resources and Water Policy

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

12.15pm Mr McCrea left the meeting

12.24pm Mr McCrea rejoined the meeting

12.27pm Mr Easton left the meeting

12.40pm Mr McNarry left the meeting

12.40pm The officials left the meeting

8. Inquiry into Comprehensive Transport Delivery Structures

The Chairperson advised Members that they have been provided with a list of those who submitted evidence to the Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite the list of organisations to brief the Committee.

12.44pm The meeting was suspended

12.45pm The meeting recommenced in public session

9. Subordinate Legislation not subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The Road Races (North West 200) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Mourne Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Traffic Weight Restrictions (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Circuit of Ireland Easter Stages Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Craigantlet Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Spelga Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment No.3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Cookstown 100) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Tour of the Sperrins Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Ulster Grand Prix Bike Week) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Waiting Restrictions (Londonderry) (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

10. SL1: The Disposal of Vehicles (Prescribed Period) Regulations Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development is content with the merits of the policy proposal

11. Any Other Business

12. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 10th April 2013 at 10.30am in Room 21.

12.48pm *The meeting was adjourned*

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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