



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**  
**ROOM 21**

**Present:**

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Mr Ross Hussey MLA  
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

**In attendance:**

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)  
Mr Gavin Ervine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Tara McKee (Clerical Supervisor)  
Ms Alison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)

**Apologies:**

Mr Joe Byrne MLA  
Mrs Brenda Hale MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA

*10:04am The meeting commenced in closed session.*

Members discussed one item of correspondence and agreed to seek legal advice in respect of this.

*10:19am The meeting recommenced in open session.*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

## **2. Chairperson's Business**

None.

## **3. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013.

## **4. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the OFMdfM Committee regarding the Joint Ministerial Council (Europe).

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the OFMdfM Committee regarding European Priorities 2012-13 Implementation Report.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure to DRD Minister Kennedy regarding restrictions on the numbers of participants in Cycling Road Races.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the OFMdfM Committee regarding Barroso Taskforce Desk Officers.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the 'Lisburn Road – Tidal Flow Project'.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on press coverage of clamping of cars in bus lanes

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the appointment of NI Water Chief Executive.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted a Consumer Council statement regarding the Westminster debate on Air Passenger Duty.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted a copy of CBI Northern Ireland Report – 'Infrastructure – Investing for our Future'.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence relating to the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland – Investing Activity Report for October 2013.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted an invite from Rivers Agency to attend a breakfast briefing on coastal flood risk management emergency planning exercise 26th November 2013 and Members agreed to liaise with the Clerk regarding their availability to attend.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted a copy of IMTAC Report – ‘Walking Routes in Lisburn City Centre’.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Mr and Mrs Bannon regarding Disability Action.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Unite Union requesting to brief the Committee and agreed that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson would meet Unite representatives.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Vernon Gamble regarding the Committee report into Comprehensive Transport Delivery Structures and agreed to forward Mr Gamble a copy of the report and respond to his concerns over the inaccurate reporting of the leaked report.

*10:22am Mr Easton joined the meeting*

## **5. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Integrated Transport Pilot Project in Dungannon**

*10:37am The following officials joined the meeting*

Ciaran de Burca – Director of Transport Projects Division, DRD  
Michael Deery – Regional Planning and Transportation Branch, DRD

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

*11:25am Mr Hussey left the meeting*

*11:29am Mr Hussey re-joined the meeting*

*11:40am The officials left the meeting*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a copy of the discussion paper on its approach to evaluating the pilot project. Also request a copy of the Department’s briefing paper for the economic appraisal.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a copy of the minutes of meetings held by the stakeholders working group.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request further information on the number of pupils using public transport to attend the shared educational campus in Dungannon.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a copy of the report regarding the departmental official's visit to Arnhem.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the stakeholders working group to invite a delegation to brief the Committee on the pilot project.

*11:40am* Mr McNarry left the meeting

## **6. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure**

*Members noted:*

- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Banbridge) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Waiting Restrictions (Crumlin) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Waiting Restrictions (Ballycastle) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Loading Bays on Roads (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Omagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Off Street Parking (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

## **7. SL1: The Galwally Avenue (Belfast) (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013**

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

## **8. SL1: The route U605 Quoile Brae, Downpatrick (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013**

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

## **9. SR 2013/240: The Shore Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013**

*Agreed:* That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2013/240: The Shore Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 and has no objection to the rule.

**10. SR 2013/236: The Train Driving Licences and Certificates (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013**

*Agreed:* That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2013/236: The Train Driving Licences and Certificates (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 and has no objection to the rule.

**11. SR 2013/237: The Railways (Safety Management) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013**

*Agreed:* That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2013/237: The Railways (Safety Management) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 and has no objection to the rule.

*11:44am Mr McNarry re-joined the meeting*

**12. Any Other Business**

**13. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

*11:45am The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
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