



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014**  
**ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**Present:**

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Joe Byrne MLA  
Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Mr Ross Hussey MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer 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)  
Mr Michael Greer (Clerical Supervisor)  
Ms Alison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)

**Apologies:**

Mrs Brenda Hale MLA

*10:06am The meeting commenced in open session*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

*10:08am Mr Dallat joined the meeting*

**2. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

### **3. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding the Investment Strategy Project Delivery Portal and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted a Research and Information Service briefing paper regarding road traffic collisions statistics in Northern Ireland.

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

*Members noted:*

- The Road Races (Circuit of Ireland Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Road Races (Croft Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

### **5. SR 2014/14: The Slieveboy Road, Claudy (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014**

*Agreed:* That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/14: The Slieveboy Road, Claudy (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

### **6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill**

*10:11am The following officials joined the meeting*

Philip Hamilton – Head of Engineering Services, Transport NI, DRD  
Harvey Hamilton – Principal Engineer, Traffic & Engineering Policy, Transport NI, DRD  
Greg McClelland – Road Safety Policy Manager, Transport NI, DRD

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

*10:19am Mr McNarry joined the meeting*

10:28am Mr Easton joined the meeting

10:32am The Committee adjourned.

11:32am The Committee recommenced in open session

The following Members were present: Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson), Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson), Mr Joe Byrne MLA, Mr John Dallat MLA, Mr Alex Easton MLA, Mr Ross Hussey MLA, Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA, Mr David McNarry MLA and Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA.

12:03pm Mr McAleer joined the meeting

12:12pm Mr Byrne left the meeting

12:17pm Mr Hussey left the meeting

12:18pm The officials left the meeting

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request further statistical data with regards to the cost of fatalities and serious injuries against the cost of providing traffic calming measures to self-enforce speed restrictions.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request further information on the comparable costs between traffic calming and traffic signage.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request further information on the costs of the 500 schemes completed to date in respect of the 4300 km of unclassified roads in Northern Ireland.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request further information relating to speeds in the pilot projects.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to invite representatives from PSNI to brief the Committee on the Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill.

12:20pm Mr McNarry left the meeting

## **7. Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson invited Mr Ó hOisín to give Members an overview of the recent Committee visit to Galway regarding the 'Maximising the Potential of Walking and Cycling Infrastructure in Touristic Areas' seminar.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to undertake a study visit to County Mayo as part of the Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Railway Preservation Society regarding dis-used railway tracks and the potential to open these up as cycle routes.

## **8. Any Other Business**

## **9. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

*12:23pm The meeting was adjourned*

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