



# Committee for Infrastructure

## Minutes of Proceedings

19 May 2021

**Meeting Location:** Room 29, Parliament Buildings

**Present:** Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr David Hilditch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Keith Buchanan MLA  
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA  
Mr Andrew Muir MLA

**Present by Video or Teleconference:**  
Ms Martina Anderson MLA  
Mr Roy Beggs MLA  
Mr Cathal Boylan MLA  
Ms Liz Kimmins MLA

**Apologies:** None

**In Attendance:** Mrs Alison Ross (Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Jonathan Lawless (Assistant Assembly Clerk)



Mr William Kinnear (Clerical Supervisor)

The meeting commenced at 9:36 am in open session

### **1. Apologies**

As above.

Mrs Dolores Kelly joined the meeting at 9:38 am.

### **2. Chairpersons Business**

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed that, in future, dialogue with the NI Affairs Committee would be by correspondence.

### **3. Draft Minutes.**

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 May 2021.

### **4. Matters Arising**

Mrs Martina Anderson joined the meeting at 9:40 am.



**Agreed:** The Committee agreed the wording of the motion for debate on un-adopted roads and to schedule the debate in plenary for 1 June 2021.

## 5. Correspondence

Correspondence from the Committee for Finance regarding the scrutiny of the Northern Ireland Protocol.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from the Transport Hub Alternative Group (THAG) requesting an informal meeting to discuss the Transport Hub and Boyne Bridge issues.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to schedule an informal meeting.

Mr Andrew Muir joined the meeting at 9:44 am.

Response from the Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to Committee correspondence regarding the sale of Portavoe Reservoir by Northern Ireland Water.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the response.

Correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure regarding a Written Ministerial Statement to the Assembly on the A4 Enniskillen Southern Bypass.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from the Committee for the Economy regarding planning issues.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from the Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs regarding a Call for Evidence – Climate Change Bill.



**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to defer a response to the call for evidence until it has more information from its Inquiry into Decarbonisation of Road Transport in Northern Ireland.

Response from the Minister for Infrastructure to Committee correspondence regarding issues arising from the Committee meeting on 28 April 2021.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to write to the Department requesting further details on the statistics regarding danger points on the A1.

Correspondence from Coach Operators NI (CONI) requesting to meet the Committee in relation to financial assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to schedule an informal meeting.

Correspondence from the House of Lords European Affairs Sub-Committee on the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland in relation to a virtual meeting with the Committee.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

## **6. Subordinate Legislation - SL1s - Not Subject to Assembly Proceedings**

The Committee considered the following SL1's not subject to any Assembly proceedings.

- SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Newtownabbey) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SL1 - The One-Way Traffic (Belfast) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Ballymena) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021



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- SL1 - The Parking Place (Greencastle Street, Kilkeel) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SL1 - The Control of Traffic (Londonderry) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed that it was content with the proposals for the Statutory Rules.

#### **7. SL1 - The Low Road, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021**

The Committee considered the SL1 - The Low Road, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021.

**Agreed:** The Committee was content with the proposal for the statutory rule.

#### **8. Subordinate Legislation - SRs - Not Subject to Assembly Proceedings**

The Committee considered the following SRs not subject to any Assembly proceedings.

- SR 2021-122 The On-Street Parking (Residents Parking Zone – Rugby Road / College Park Avenue Area, Belfast) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SR 2021-123 The Road Races (Croft Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the Statutory Rules



**9. SR 2021-124 The Lake Street, Lurgan (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021.**

The Committee considered SR 2021-124 The Lake Street, Lurgan (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021. The purpose of the Rule is to abandon an area of 151 square metres of footpath between numbers 81 and 83 Lake Street, Lurgan, extending from its junction with Lake Street for a length of 25.4 metres in a south-westerly direction. On the coming into operation of the Rule, the area of road in question shall cease to be maintainable by the Department and the public right of way over it shall be extinguished.

**Agreed:** The Committee considered SR 2021-124 The Lake Street, Lurgan (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021, and, subject to the Examiner of Statutory Rules, has no objection to the rule.

**10. SR 2021-125 The Common, Markethill Road, Newtownhamilton (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021**

The Committee considered SR 2021-125 The Common, Markethill Road, Newtownhamilton (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021. The purpose of the rule is to abandon an area of 414 square metres of road comprising of a lay-by in front of the old Newtownhamilton Livestock Sales yard, No. 8 The Common, Markethill Road, Newtownhamilton. On the coming into operation of the rule, the area of road in question shall cease to be maintainable by the Department and the public right of way over it shall be extinguished. The area of road and footway in question will be abandoned as the Department is of the opinion that the road is no longer necessary.

**Agreed:** The Committee considered SR 2021-125 The Common, Markethill Road, Newtownhamilton (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021, and, subject to the Examiner of Statutory Rules, has no objection to the rule.



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### **11. SR 2021-126 The Dunbar Link and Great Patrick Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021**

The Committee considered SR 2021-126 The Dunbar Link and Great Patrick Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021. The purpose of the Rule is to abandon two areas of former footpath totalling 253.24 square metres at Dunbar Link, Belfast comprising of 147.843 square metres of former footpath at the junction of Dunbar Link and Great Patrick Street and 105.397 square metres of former footpath at the junction of Dunbar Link and Exchange Street, Belfast as it is no longer necessary.

**Agreed:** The Committee considered SR 2021-126 The Dunbar Link and Great Patrick Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021, and, subject to the Examiner of Statutory Rules, has no objection to the rule.

### **12. Committee Inquiry into the Decarbonisation of Road Transport in Northern Ireland - Briefing from the Electric Vehicle Association NI (EVANI)**

The representatives joined the meeting at 9:51 am.

Mr Mark McCall, Director, Electric Vehicle Association Northern Ireland  
Mr Darren Henderson, Director, Electric Vehicle Association Northern Ireland  
Mr Ronan Davison-Kernan, Director, Electric Vehicle Association Northern Ireland  
Mr Mark Boyle, Director, Electric Vehicle Association Northern Ireland

The representatives provided the Committee with an oral briefing.

A question and answer session followed.

Mr David Hilditch joined the meeting at 10:38 am.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance.

The representatives left the meeting at 11:04 am.



### **13. Committee Inquiry into the Decarbonisation of Road Transport in Northern Ireland – Departmental Briefing**

The Departmental officials joined the meeting at 11:04 am.

Ms Liz Loughran, Director of Transport Policy  
Ms Jackie Robinson, Director, Public Transport Division  
Mrs Claire Cockerill, Head of Transport Policy & Climate Change Branch  
Mr Chris McLean, Head of Translink Sponsor Unit

The Departmental officials provided the Committee with an oral briefing.

A question and answer session followed.

**Agreed:** The Departmental officials agreed to provide the Committee with more information in respect of their engagement with the Special European Programmes Body (SEUPB).

**Agreed:** The Members agreed to forward any further questions they may have to Committee staff to be sent to the Department.

The Chairperson thanked the Departmental officials for their attendance.

The Departmental officials left the meeting at 12:01 pm.

### **14. Forward Work Programme**

The Committee considered the Draft Forward Work Programme.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.





## **15. Any Other Business**

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the SEUPB to get more information on the European Territorial Co-operation (Interreg) Electric Vehicle Project "FASTER" and to highlight the challenges raised.

## **16. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting**

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be on Wednesday, 26 May 2021 at 10:00 am in The Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.

**Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure**

**26 May 2021**