



Committee for Infrastructure

Minutes of Proceedings

5 May 2021

Meeting Location: Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings

Present: Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA

Present by Video or Teleconference:

Ms Martina Anderson MLA
Mr Roy Beggs MLA
Mr Cathal Boylan MLA
Ms Liz Kimmins MLA
Mr Andrew Muir MLA

Apologies: Mr David Hilditch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Keith Buchanan MLA

In Attendance: Mrs Alison Ross (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Jonathan Lawless (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr William Kinnear (Clerical Supervisor)



The meeting commenced at 10:03 am in open session

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairpersons Business

None.

3. Draft Minutes.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 28 April 2021.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Correspondence

Response from the Department for Finance to Committee correspondence regarding the sale of Portavoe Reservoir by Northern Ireland Water.



Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response.

Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland report for the Department for Infrastructure Investing Activity – April 2021.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the report.

Response from the Department for Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs to Decarbonising Road Transport in Northern Ireland Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response and include it in the inquiry report.

Correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure regarding Planning decision: LA03/2018/1116/RM Description: Northern Section of Ballyclare Relief Road and Associated Works.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Copy of the Mineral Products Association Northern Ireland (MPANI) response to the Call for Evidence Review of Implementation of the Planning Act (NI) 2011.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from the Committee for the Economy regarding a briefing from Department for Infrastructure Planning Officials.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Copy of the Examiner of Statutory Rules Thirty-Fifth Report of the Session 2020-2021.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the report.

Response from the Minister for Infrastructure to Committee correspondence regarding issues arising from the Committee meeting on 14 April 2021.



Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

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

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

- SL1 - The Road Races (Croft Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

7. SL1 - The Dunbar Link and Great Patrick Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021

The Committee considered the SL1 - The Dunbar Link and Great Patrick Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021.

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

8. Briefing from the Northern Ireland Local Government Association & SOLACE NI - EU Successor Funding

The representatives joined the meeting at 10:10 am.



Mr Derek McCallan, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Local Government Association (*via Starleaf*)

Ms Lisa O'Kane, Head of Performance & Partnerships, Northern Ireland Local Government Association (*via Starleaf*)

Mr John Tully, Director of City & Organisational Strategy, Belfast City Council (*via Starleaf*)

The representatives provided the Committee with an oral briefing.

A question and answer session followed.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance.

The Departmental officials left the meeting at 11:06 am.

9. Briefing from the Construction Employers Federation – Review of Implementation of the Planning Act (NI) 2011

The representative joined the meeting at 11:06 am.

Mr Andrew Muir joined the meeting at 11:06 am.

David Fry, Director of External Affairs, Construction Employers Federation (*via Starleaf*)

The representative provided the Committee with an oral briefing.

A question and answer session followed.

The Chairperson thanked the representative for his attendance.

The representative left the meeting at 12:07 pm.



10. Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered the Draft Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

11. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to The Executive Office to ascertain the current position of the Transfer of Functions in relation to reservoirs.

12. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be on Wednesday, 12 May 2021 at 10:00 am in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 pm.

Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure

12 May 2021