



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

**COMMITTEE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE 2016

THE SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Mr William Humphrey (Chairperson)

Mr George Robinson MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Kellie Armstrong MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Eamonn McCann MLA
Mr Fra McCann MLA
Mr Daniel McCrossan MLA
Mr Justin McNulty MLA
Mrs Jenny Palmer MLA

In Attendance: Mrs Cathie White (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Vincent Gribbin (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Johnny Lawless (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Apologies: Mr Paul Girvan MLA

10:01 am The meeting opened in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Chairpersons Business

10:02 am Mr George Robinson joined the meeting.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to hold an informal meeting in the Private Members Dining Room after the Committee meeting on 29 June to consider any strategic priorities for the Committee ahead of the Strategic Planning Day in September.

10:03 am Mr Fra McCann joined the meeting.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that all its engagement with the Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs) that come under the Department will be conducted directly on a bilateral basis and that the NDPBs respond to Committee correspondence without clearing the response through the Department.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that Departmental officials should no longer accompany NDPB officials during NDPB evidence sessions to the Committee.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2016

Agreed: The minutes of the meeting on 15 June 2016 were agreed.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. SL1 - The Old Road Off U1040 Lough Lane, Lurgan (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

The Committee considered SL1 - The Old Road Off U1040 Lough Lane, Lurgan (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.

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

6. SL1 - The Wandsworth Court, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

7. SL1 - The Control Of Traffic (Armagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

8. SL1 - The One-Way Traffic (Belfast) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

9. SL1 - The Parking And Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

10. SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Newtownards) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

11. SL1 - The Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions (Moy) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

12. SL1 - The Prohibition Of Right-Hand Turn (Carrickfergus) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

13. SL1 - The Road Races (Armoy Motorcycle Road Race) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

14. SL1 - The Road Races (Down Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

15. SL1 - The Road Races (Knockagh Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

16. SL1 - The Road Races (Ulster Grand Prix Bike Week) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

17. SL1 - The Road Races (Ulster Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

18. SL1 - The Taxis Buses (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

19. SL1 - The Waiting Restrictions (Millisle) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

20. Departmental Briefing – Rivers Agency

10:09 am The Departmental official joined the meeting.

The Committee was briefed by Mr David Porter, Director of Rivers Agency.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

10:32 am Mr Daniel McCrossan joined the meeting.

10:59 am Mr Justin McNulty joined the meeting.

Agreed: The Departmental official agreed to provide the Committee with details of the membership of the Coastal Erosion Forum.

21. Briefing from the Northern Ireland Drainage Council

11:23 am The official joined the meeting.

The Committee was briefed by Dr Alan Strong MBE, Chairperson, Northern Ireland Drainage Council and Mr David Porter, Director

11:32 am Ms Kellie Armstrong joined the meeting.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

11:40 am Mr Alex Easton left the meeting.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to visit the Connswater Community Greenway.

12:17 pm The officials left the meeting.

12:17 pm The Committee adjourned.

12:17 pm Mr Fra McCann left the meeting.

12:25 pm The Committee recommenced.

12:25 pm Mr Alex Easton rejoined the meeting.

22. Departmental Briefing - Consultation on the Conduct of Passengers and Drivers on Public Service Vehicles

12:25 pm The Departmental officials joined the meeting.

The Committee was briefed by Ms Liz Loughran, Director of Road Safety Vehicle and Regulation, Ms Sharon Clements, Vehicle Policy Branch and Mr Sean Coulter, Transport Policy.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

12:54 pm The Departmental officials left the meeting.

Ms Kellie Armstrong declared an interest as a past Director of the Community Transport Association.

23. Correspondence

- Invitation from the Utility Regulator requesting a meeting with the Chairperson.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to meet informally with Utility Regulator.

- Invitations from the Commissioner for Older People Northern Ireland requesting to meet with the Chairperson and deputy Chairperson.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to meet informally with the Commissioner.

24. Draft Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered the draft Forward Work Programme for the period before summer recess.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content to schedule these briefings.

25. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request a briefing from the Department on the successful legal action by construction company FP McCann Ltd regarding the building of the A8 dual carriageway.

26. Date, time and place of next meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday, 29 June 2016 at 10:00 am in The Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

12:56 pm The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

Mr William Humphrey MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure

29 June 2016