

# COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2013  
ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

- Present: Mr Paul Frew MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Thomas Buchanan MLA  
Mr William Irwin MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA
- Apologies: Mr Joe Byrne (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA  
Mr Ian Milne MLA  
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA  
Mr Robin Swann MLA
- In attendance: Mr Paul Carlisle, Committee Clerk  
Ms Elaine Farrell, Assistant Clerk  
Mr Mark O'Hare, Clerical Supervisor  
Ms Dagmar Walgraeve Clerical Officer

*1.05 p.m. The meeting commenced in Open Session*

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies are noted above.

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

*Noted:* The Committee noted the invitation from Simon Coveney and Michelle O'Neil to a reception at the National Ploughing Championships on 25 September 2013.

### **3. Minutes of the meeting 17 September 2013**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the draft minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2013.

#### **4. Financial Crisis in Farming – Oral Briefing First Trust Bank**

The following representatives from First Trust Bank joined the meeting at 1.10 p.m.

Gerry McGinn, Managing Director  
Brian Gillian, Head of Business Banking

The representatives briefed the Committee and this was followed by a question and answer session.

*1.39 p.m. Mr Buchanan joined the meeting.*

#### **5. Forward Work Programme**

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

#### **6. AOB**

There was no other business.

#### **7. Date, time and place of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development will take place on Monday 30 September 2013 at 11.00 a.m. in Room 30, Parliament Buildings.

*The meeting adjourned at 1.56 p.m.*

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Paul Frew, Chairperson, Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development

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Date

