

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2014
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 12.34pm.

Present:

The Speaker
Mr G Kelly
Mr K McCarthy
Lord Morrow
Mr P Ramsey
Ms C Ruane
Mr R Swann
Mr P Weir

In attendance:

Ms L Gordon	Clerk of Business
Dr A McGarel	Clerk of Business
Dr G McGrath	Director of Clerking and Reporting
Ms N Dunwoody	Clerk Assistant
Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
Ms F Leneghan	PS/Speaker
Mr H Widdis	Director of Legal Services
Mr C McNickle	Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

Principal Deputy Speaker McLaughlin
Deputy Speaker Dallat
Junior Minister Bell
Junior Minister McCann
Mr A Rogers **OFMDFM**

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Mr Dickson, Mrs McKeivitt and Mrs Overend.

2. Minutes of previous meetings

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 June were **agreed** and signed by the Speaker.

3. **Matters arising**

- 3.1 Members **noted** a copy of a letter, dated 10 June 2014, which was issued to the Committee on Procedures regarding its inquiry into 'The Extent to Which Standing Orders Should Permit the Attorney General for Northern Ireland to Participate in Proceedings of the Assembly'.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 23 June 2014**

Executive Business

- 4.1 Members **noted** that a Ministerial Statement on the 'Consultation on Zero Hours Contracts' was scheduled for Monday 23 June.
- 4.2 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 24 June.

Committee Business

- 4.3 Members **noted** that there was no change to Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 23 June.
- 4.4 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business requested for Tuesday 24 June.

Private Members' Business

- 4.5 Members **noted** that, following the last meeting of the Committee, it was confirmed that the Minister of Enterprise Trade and Investment was unavailable to respond to Private Members' Business on Monday 23 June and that no other Ministers would respond on her behalf. It was **further noted** that Sinn Féin had, therefore, changed their motion entitled 'Living Wage' to a motion on the 'Bon Secours sisters' Institution at Tuam'.
- 4.6 Members' **noted** that there was no change to Private Members' Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 24 June.
- 4.7 Junior Minister McCann advised that no further business was expected at this stage.
- 4.8 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 30 June 2014**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 30 June:

- Question Time to the Minister of the Environment and to the Minister of Finance and Personnel;
- Final Stage of the Budget (No. 2) Bill 2014;
- Motion to approve the draft Business Improvement Districts (Miscellaneous) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014;
- Motion to approve the draft Police Act 1997 (Criminal Record Certificates: Relevant Matters) (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014;
- Assembly Consent Motion on the draft Public Bodies (Abolition of Food from Britain) Order 2014.

5.2 Members **noted** that Question Time to the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and to the Minister of Justice was scheduled for Tuesday 1 July.

5.3 Members **noted** that there was the possibility of Ministerial Statements on either day, including on the outcome of the June Monitoring round.

Committee Business

5.4 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business requested for either day.

Private Members' Business

5.5 Members **agreed** to schedule two Private Members' Motions on Tuesday 1 July.

5.6 Under the system of allocation, the selections lay with the UUP and the SDLP and the following motions were selected:

- 'Demonstrating Respect, Restraint and Tolerance in Contested Parades and Associated Protests' (Mr M Nesbitt, Mr T Elliott);
- 'Unauthorised Absence from School' (Mr S Rogers, Mrs D Kelly).

5.7 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for each motion, with the usual speaking times.

5.8 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 1 July. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with Sinn Féin and the following topic was selected:

- 'Transitional Family Support Services in West Belfast' (Ms R McCorley).

5.9 Junior Minister McCann advised that all Ministers were available to respond.

5.10 The provisional Order Papers were **agreed**.

6. **Rota for Oral Questions: September 2014 to Christmas Recess**

6.1 Members **agreed** the rota for Oral Questions from September 2014 until the Christmas Recess as presented.

7. **Any other business**

7.1 Congratulations were extended to Ms Frances Leneghan, Private Secretary to the Speaker, on her recent award of the MBE for services to Community Engagement with the Northern Ireland Assembly.

8. **Date and Time of next meeting**

8.1 Members **agreed** to meet at approximately 12.30pm on Tuesday 24 June 2014 in Room 106.

The Speaker brought the meeting to a close at 12.40pm

**The Speaker
Chairperson**