

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2013
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 12.37pm.

Present:

The Speaker
Mr S Dickson
Mr R McCartney
Mrs K McKeivitt
Lord Morrow
Mrs S Overend
Mr P Ramsey
Ms C Ruane
Mr P Weir

In attendance:

Ms L Gordon	Clerk of Business
Ms N Dunwoody	Clerk Assistant
Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
Ms T Caul	Legal Adviser
Mr C McNickle	Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

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

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were noted from Mr Gerry Kelly and Mr Robin Swann

2. Minutes of previous meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 08 October were **agreed** and signed by the Speaker.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 There were no matters arising

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 21 October**

Assembly Business

4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from Sinn Féin on Committee Membership on Monday 21 October.

Executive Business

4.2 Members **noted** that there was the possibility of a statement on October monitoring on Monday 21 October, subject to Executive approval.

4.3 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 22 October.

Committee Business

4.4 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business scheduled for Monday 21 October and Tuesday 22 October.

Private Members' Business

4.5 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members' Business scheduled for Monday 21 October.

4.6 Members **noted** that, after last week's meeting, the DUP had made a minor change to the motion on 'The Use of the Social Investment Model in Tackling Social Issues' scheduled for Tuesday 22 October.

4.7 Members **noted** that, after last week's meeting, the SDLP had selected a motion on the 'Review of the North South Implementation Bodies and Areas for Co-operation' to be scheduled on Tuesday 22 October;

4.8 Junior Minister McCann advised that no further business was expected.

4.9 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 04 November 2013**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** that the following Executive business was scheduled for Monday 04 November:

- Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and to the Minister for Regional Development.

5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive business was scheduled for Tuesday 05 November:

- Motion to approve the Fishing Boats (Satellite –Tracking Devices) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2013;
- Question Time to the Minister of Education and to the Minister for Employment and Learning.

Committee Business

5.3 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Regional Development on its Report on the Inquiry into Comprehensive Transport Delivery Structures on Monday 4 November, with the usual timings.

5.4 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business scheduled for Tuesday 5 November.

Private Members' Business

5.5 Mr Ramsey drew attention to the existence of a cross-party motion on the 'Effective Delivery of Major Infrastructure Work'. Ms Ruane expressed concern that she had been unaware of the matter and suggested that party whips should, in future, alert each other about intentions to table cross-party motions. On that basis, consideration of the motion was deferred until the next meeting.

5.6 Members **agreed** to schedule two Private Members' Motions on Monday 4 November and two Private Members' Motions on Tuesday 5 November.

5.7 Under the system of allocation, the selections lay with the UUP, DUP, Sinn Féin and Alliance. The following motions were selected for Monday 4 November:

- 'Security of Electricity Supply' (Mr R Beggs and Mrs S Overend).

- 'Over Subscribed Schools' (Mr M Storey, Miss M McIlveen, Mr J Craig and Mrs B Hale).

5.8 The following motion was selected for Tuesday 5 November:

- 'Ban on Blood Donations from Gay Men' (Ms M McLaughlin, Mr M Brady and Ms C Ruane).

5.9 Mr Dickson undertook to inform the Business Office of his party's selection for Tuesday 5 November as soon as possible.

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

5.11 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 05 November. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the DUP and the following topic was selected:

- 'Justice for Derg Valley Victims Voice' (Mr T Buchanan).

5.12 Junior Minister McCann advised that all Ministers were available.

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

6. **Any other business**

6.1 There was no other business

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

7.1 Members **agreed** to meet at approximately 12.30pm on Tuesday 22 October 2013 in Room 106.

The Speaker brought the meeting to a close at 12.44pm

**The Speaker
Chairperson**