

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2013
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 12.50pm.

Present:

The Speaker
Mr S Dickson
Mr R McCartney
Mrs K McKeivitt
Mrs S Overend
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
Mr H Widdis	Director of Legal Services
Mr C McNickle	Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

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

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were noted from Mr Gerry Kelly, Mr Pat Ramsey and Mr Robin Swan.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 November 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 02 December**

Assembly Business

- 4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from Sinn Féin to change Committee Memberships on Monday 02 December.

Executive Business

- 4.2 Members **noted** that a Ministerial Statement on Strategic Assessment of Rate Collection had been confirmed for Monday 02 December, and that a further statement was likely.
- 4.3 Members **noted** the possibility of a Ministerial Statement on the North South Ministerial Council meeting in Environment sectoral format on Tuesday 03 December.

Committee Business

- 4.4 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business scheduled for Monday 02 December and Tuesday 03 December.

Private Members' Business

- 4.5 Members **noted** that the DUP had selected a motion on 'Day Services for Individuals with a Learning Disability' for Monday 02 December.
- 4.6 Members **agreed** to schedule a cross party motion on 'Small Business Saturday' on Monday 02 December 2013, and allocated one hour for the debate.
- 4.7 Junior Minister Bell 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 09 December 2013**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** that the following business was scheduled for Monday 09 December:

- Question Time to the Minister of the Environment and to the Minister of Justice;
- Further Consideration Stage of the Road Races (Amendment) Bill;
- Ministerial Statement on the Inter-Governmental Agreement on Cooperation on Criminal Justice Matters.

5.2 Members **noted** that the following business was scheduled for Tuesday 10 December:

- Question Time to the Minister for Regional Development and to the Minister for Social Development;
- Final Stage of the Road Races (Amendment) Bill.

5.3 Members further **noted** the possibility of up to four statements on the Tuesday, relating to NSMC meetings.

Committee Business

5.4 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment on its Report on the Review into Electricity Policy: Part 1, Security of Electricity on Monday 09 December 2013, with the usual timings.

5.5 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business requested for Tuesday 10 December 2013.

Private Members' Business

5.6 Members **agreed** to schedule one Private Members' Motion on Monday 09 December and two on Tuesday 10 December.

5.7 Under the system of allocation, the selections lay with the SDLP, DUP and the Alliance Party.

5.8 The following motion was selected for Monday 09 December:

- 'Job Losses at HM Revenue and Customs' (Mr D Bradley, Mrs K McKeivitt, Mr C Eastwood and Mr J Byrne).

5.9 The following motions were selected for Tuesday 10 December:

- 'Special Education' (Mr M Storey, Miss M McIlveen, Mr J Craig and Mrs B Hale);
- 'Sexual Orientation Strategy' (Mr C Lyttle, Ms A Lo and Mr S Dickson).

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 10 December. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with Sinn Féin and the following topic was selected:

- 'Ballymena Bus and Train Station' (Mr D McKay).

5.12 Junior Minister Bell advised that all Ministers were available to respond.

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 03 December 2013 in Room 106.

The Speaker brought the meeting to a close at 12.59pm

**The Speaker
Chairperson**