

**DRAFT**  
**NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY**  
**BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2013**  
**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 12.36pm.*

**Present:**

**The Speaker**  
**Mr S Dickson**  
**Mr D Kinahan**  
**Mr R McCartney**  
**Mrs K McKeivitt**  
**Lord Morrow**  
**Mrs S Overend**  
**Ms C Ruane**

**In attendance:**

<b>Ms L Gordon</b>	<b>Clerk of Business</b>
<b>Dr G McGrath</b>	<b>Director of Clerking and Reporting</b>
<b>Mr R Ramsey</b>	<b>Adviser to the Speaker</b>
<b>Mr H Widdis</b>	<b>Director of Legal Services</b>
<b>Mr C McNickle</b>	<b>Assistant Assembly Clerk</b>

**Observers:**

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

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were noted from Mr Gerry Kelly, Mr Pat Ramsey, Mr Robin Swann and Mr Peter Weir.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 05 November were **agreed** and signed by the Speaker.

3. **Matters arising**

- 3.1 The Speaker referred Members to a copy of the letter he had sent, on the Committee's behalf, to the Chairperson of the Committee on Procedures. The letter was **noted**.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 18 November**

Executive Business

- 4.1 Members **noted** that, subject to the Speaker's clearance, the First Stage of the Road Races (Amendment) Bill was scheduled for Monday 18 November.
- 4.2 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Business scheduled for Tuesday 19 November; and further **noted** the possibility of statements on recent British Irish Council and North South Ministerial Council meetings.

Committee Business

- 4.3 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business scheduled for Monday 18 November and Tuesday 19 November.

Private Members' Business

- 4.4 Members **noted** that, after last week's meeting, the DUP had selected a motion on the 'Police Ombudsman's Office' to be scheduled on Monday 18 November; and that the UUP had selected a motion on the 'BBC/RTE Documentary on 'The Disappeared'' to be scheduled on Tuesday 19 November.
- 4.5 Junior Minister McCann advised that no further business was expected at this stage.
- 4.6 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 25 November 2013**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** that Question Time to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and to the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure, was scheduled for Monday 25 November.

5.2 Members **noted** that the following business was scheduled for Tuesday 26 November:

- Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and to the Minister for Employment and Learning;
- An Accelerated Passage motion on the Road Races (Amendment) Bill from the Minister for Regional Development, subject to the necessary consents.
- Second Stage of the Road Races (Amendment) Bill, subject to the necessary consents.

#### Committee Business

5.3 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Employment and Learning on its report on Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance on Monday 25 November.

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

5.5 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business scheduled for Tuesday 26 November.

#### Private Members' Business

5.6 Members **agreed** to schedule one Private Members' Motion on Monday 25 November and one on Tuesday 26 November.

5.7 Under the system of allocation, the selections lay with Sinn Féin and the DUP. The following motion was selected for Monday 25 November:

- 'Transfer of Broadcasting Powers' (Mr C Ó hOisín, Ms R McCorley and Mr O McMullan).

5.8 The following motion was selected for Tuesday 26 November:

- 'Review of Decisions of Single Farm Payments' (Mr D McIlveen and Mr P Frew).

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

5.10 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 26 November. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the Alliance Party and the following topic was selected:

- 'Economic Development in the Ards Peninsula' (Mr K McCarthy).

5.11 Junior Minister McCann advised that all Ministers were available.

5.12 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 19 November 2013 in Room 106.

*The Speaker brought the meeting to a close at 12.41pm*

**The Speaker  
Chairperson**