

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2014
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 12.35pm.

Present:

Mr P Weir (Acting Chairperson)
Mr S Dickson
Mr R McCartney
Mrs K McKeivitt
Lord Morrow
Mrs S Overend
Mr P Ramsey
Ms C Ruane
Mr R Swann

In attendance:

Ms L Gordon	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 C McNickle	Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

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

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were noted from the Speaker and Mr Gerry Kelly.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 04 February were **agreed** and signed by the Acting Chairperson.

3. Matters arising

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 17 February 2014**

Executive Business

4.1 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Business previously scheduled for Monday 17 February.

4.2 Members **noted** that, in addition to business previously scheduled, there was the possibility of statements on North South Ministerial Council meetings on Tuesday 18 February.

Committee Business

4.3 Members **noted** that there were no changes to Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 17 February.

Private Members' Business

4.4 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members' Business scheduled for Monday 17 February and Tuesday 18 February.

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 24 February 2014**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** that the following business was scheduled for Monday 24 February:

- Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and to the Minister for Social Development;
- Further Consideration Stage of the Financial Provisions Bill;
- Final Stage of the Budget Bill.

5.2 Members **noted** that Question Time to the Minister for Regional Development and to the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure was scheduled for Tuesday 25 February.

Committee Business

5.3 Members **noted** that no Committee Business had been requested for Monday 24 February.

5.4 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment on the expansion of Credit Unions' services on Tuesday 25 February, with the usual timings.

Private Members' Business

5.5 Members **agreed** to schedule two Private Members' Motions on Monday 24 February, and one on Tuesday 25 February. In addition to this, Members **agreed** a proposal from Mr Swann to schedule a cross-party motion on Tuesday 25 February.

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

5.7 The following motions were selected for Monday 24 February:

- 'Key Services for Rural Communities' (Mr J Byrne, Mr A Attwood, Mr S Rogers);
- 'Climate Change and its Impact on Flooding' (Ms A Lo, Mr K McCarthy).

5.8 The following motions were selected for Tuesday 25 February:

- 'Reclassification of Guide Dogs' (Lord Morrow, Mr P Weir, Mr J Wells);
- 'Pulse Oximetry' (Mr R Swann, Mr F McKinney, Mr J Wells, Mr K McCarthy, Ms C Ruane).

5.9 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour should be allocated for the cross-party motion, and that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for all other motions, with the usual speaking times.

5.10 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 25 February. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the DUP and the following topic was selected:

- 'Future of Creavery Primary School' (Mr T Clarke).

5.11 Junior Minister McCann advised that all Ministers were available to respond to motions. [Note: After the meeting, the Executive clarified that the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety would not be available on either 24 or 25 February and could not, therefore, respond to the cross-party motion on either of those days.]

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 18 February 2014 in Room 106.

The Acting Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 12.42pm

The Speaker
Chairperson