

DRAFT
NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2014
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 12.33pm.

Present:

Mr M McLaughlin (Acting Chairperson)
Mr G Kelly
Mr D Kinahan
Mr K McCarthy
Mrs K McKeivitt
Mrs S Overend
Mr P Ramsey
Ms C Ruane
Mr P Weir

In attendance:

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

Observers:

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

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies were noted from Mr Stewart Dickson, Lord Morrow and Mr Robin Swann.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 07 October and Monday 13 October were **agreed** and signed by the Acting Speaker.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 20 October**

Assembly Business

4.1 The Principal Deputy Speaker reminded Members that, following the unsuccessful Election of Speaker, on Monday 13 October, the Office of Speaker remained vacant and that Standing Order 6 requires the Assembly to proceed to elect a Speaker as soon as may be.

4.2 Ms Ruane expressed her disappointment that a Speaker was not elected on Monday 13 October and, following discussion, Ms Ruane formally **proposed** that the Election of Speaker should be scheduled on Monday 20 October.

4.3 Members **voted** on the proposal as follows:

For - 42 votes

Against - 58 votes

4.4 The proposal was, therefore, **negatived**.

4.5 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to Suspend Standing Orders 10(2) to 10(4) on Monday 20 October.

Executive Business

4.6 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 20 October.

4.7 Members **noted** that the Minister of Education would make an oral statement on the Advisory Group Report on the Strategic Development of Irish-medium Post-primary Education, on Tuesday 21 October.

Committee Business

- 4.8 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business scheduled for Monday 20 October and Tuesday 21 October.

Private Members' Business

- 4.9 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members' Business previously scheduled for Monday 20 October.
- 4.10 Members **noted** that there was no Private Members' Motions scheduled for Tuesday 21 October.
- 4.11 Junior Minister McCann advised that no further business was expected at this stage.
- 4.12 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 03 November 2014

Assembly Business

- 5.1 Members considered a request from Ms Ruane to schedule the Election of Speaker on Monday 03 November. Following discussion, it was **agreed** to consider this request at the next meeting of the Committee.

Executive Business

- 5.2 Members **noted** the following business was scheduled for Monday 03 November:
- Question Time to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and to the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure;
 - First Stage: Food Hygiene Bill, subject to the Speaker's Office consideration.
- 5.3 Members **noted** the following business was scheduled for Tuesday 04 November:
- Question Time to the Minister of Education and to the Minister for Employment and Learning;

- Motion from the Minister of the Environment regarding the Draft Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Committee Business

- 5.4 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety on its Review of Waiting Times for Elective Care on Monday 03 November.
- 5.5 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with the usual speaking times.
- 5.6 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business requested for Tuesday 04 November.

Private Members' Business

- 5.7 Members **agreed** to schedule one Private Members' Motion on Monday 03 November.
- 5.8 Under the system of allocation, the selection for Monday 03 November lay with the DUP and the following motion was selected:
- 'Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month' (Mr T Buchanan and Ms P Bradley).
- 5.9 Members **agreed** to schedule five motions, tabled by Sinn Féin, to annul the following Statutory Rules on Tuesday 04 November:
- The Road Traffic Offenders (Additional Offences) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/230);
 - The Road Traffic (Fixed Penalty) (Offences) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/231);
 - The Road Traffic (Fixed Penalty) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/232);
 - The Road Traffic (Financial Penalty Deposit) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/233);
 - The Road Traffic (Financial Penalty Deposit) (Appropriate Amount) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/234).

- 5.10 It was **agreed** that the five motions should be grouped into one debate and that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the debate, with the usual speaking times.
- 5.11 It was **further agreed** to schedule one further Private Members' Motion on Tuesday 04 November, the selection lay with the DUP and the following motion was selected:
- 'Commonwealth Youth Games' (Miss M McIlveen, Mr W Irwin, Mr D Hilditch and Mr W Humphrey).
- 5.12 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with the usual speaking times.
- 5.13 Mr Ramsey requested that Members give consideration to the scheduling of an all-party motion on the Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland's report on 'Appreciating Age'. Members **agreed** to consider the request at the next meeting of the Committee.
- 5.14 Mr McCarthy requested that Members give consideration to the scheduling of an all-party motion on the 'Contribution made by the Post Office Network'. Members **agreed** to consider the request at the next meeting of the Committee.
- 5.15 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 04 November. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with the DUP and the following topic was selected:
- 'New school build at St Columbanus' College, Bangor' (Mr A Easton).
- 5.16 Members' **agreed** that should Mrs Dobson not move the Adjournment debate on the 'Provision of Heart Surgery for Children in Upper Bann', on Tuesday 14 October, the debate would be postponed until Tuesday 04 November and, as a consequence, Mr Easton's Adjournment debate would be postponed until Tuesday 11 November.
- 5.17 Junior Minister McCann advised that all Ministers were available to respond to the motions.
- 5.18 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 21 October 2014 in Room 106.

The Acting Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 12.47pm

**Mitchel McLaughlin MLA
Principal Deputy Speaker
The Acting Chairperson**