

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

**TUESDAY 02 DECEMBER 2014**  
**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 12.34pm.*

**Present:**

- Mr M McLaughlin (Acting Chairperson)**
- Mr S Dickson**
- Mr R McCartney**
- Lord Morrow**
- Mr P Ramsey**
- Mr R Swann**
- Mr P Weir**

**In attendance:**

<b>Mr N Mitford</b>	<b>Senior Assistant Assembly Clerk</b>
<b>Ms N Dunwoody</b>	<b>Clerk Assistant</b>
<b>Mr R Ramsey</b>	<b>Adviser to the Speaker</b>
<b>Ms F Leneghan</b>	<b>PS/Speaker</b>
<b>Mr C McNickle</b>	<b>Assistant Assembly Clerk</b>

**Observers:**

- Deputy Speaker Dallat**
- Deputy Speaker Beggs**
- Mr A Rogers**                      **OFMDFM**

**1. Apologies**

- 1.1 Apologies were noted from Mr Gerry Kelly, Mrs Karen McKeivitt, Mrs Sandra Overend and Ms Caitríona Ruane.

## 2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

2.1 The amended minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 November were **agreed** and signed by the Acting Chairperson.

2.2 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25 November 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 08 December**

### Assembly Business

4.1 The Acting Chairperson 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 Mr McCartney indicated his party's support for an Election of a Speaker to be scheduled for Monday 08 December. Mr Weir expressed the view that his party's position on the matter remained unchanged and that it would not be in a position to elect a Speaker during the week commencing Monday 08 December.

4.3 Following discussion, Mr McCartney formally **proposed** that the Election of Speaker should be scheduled for Monday 08 December.

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

For - 42 votes

Against - 59 votes

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

4.6 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the DUP to change Committee Membership on Monday 08 December.

4.7 Following the conclusion of the meeting party whips **agreed** to a request from Mr Ramsey to schedule a motion from the SDLP to change Committee Membership on Monday 08 December.

### Executive Business

- 4.8 Members **noted** that a Ministerial Statement from the Minister of the Environment regarding the North South Ministerial Council meeting held in Environment Sectoral format was scheduled for Monday 08 December.
- 4.9 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 09 December.

### Committee Business

- 4.10 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety to extend the Committee Stage of the Food Hygiene Rating Bill (NIA 41/11-16) on Monday 08 December.
- 4.11 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment to extend the Committee Stage of the Insolvency (Amendment) Bill (NIA 39/11-16) on Monday 08 December.
- 4.12 Members **noted** correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel Committee requesting the rescheduling of its motion on the draft Budget 2015-16 to Monday 12th January.
- 4.13 Members **noted** that there was no change to Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 09 December.

### Private Members' Business

- 4.14 Members **agreed** to schedule one Private Members' Motion on Monday 08 December. Under the system of allocation the selection lay with the Alliance Party and Mr Dickson undertook to inform the Business Office of his party's selection following the meeting.
- 4.15 Members **noted** that the First Stage of the Children's Services Co-operation Bill was scheduled for Monday 08 December.
- 4.16 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members' Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 09 December.
- 4.17 Mr Alan Rogers advised that no further business was expected at this stage.

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

5. **Any other business**

5.1 There was no other business.

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

6.1 Members **agreed** to meet at approximately 12.30pm on Tuesday 06 January 2015 in Room 106.

*The Acting Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 12.40pm*

**Mr Roy Beggs**  
**Deputy Speaker**  
**The Acting Chairperson**