

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

**TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2015**  
**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 12.35pm.*

**Present:**

**The Speaker (Chairperson)**  
**Mr S Dickson**  
**Mr G Kelly**  
**Mr A Maginness**  
**Mrs S Overend**  
**Ms C Ruane**  
**Mr R Swann**  
**Mr P Weir**

**In attendance:**

<b>Dr A McGarel</b>	<b>Clerk of Business</b>
<b>Ms N Dunwoody</b>	<b>Clerk Assistant</b>
<b>Mr R Ramsey</b>	<b>Adviser to the Speaker</b>
<b>Mr H Widdis</b>	<b>Director of Legal Services and Governance</b>
<b>Ms F Leneghan</b>	<b>PS/Speaker</b>
<b>Mr C McNickle</b>	<b>Assistant Assembly Clerk</b>

**Observers:**

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

1.     **Apologies**

1.1    Apologies were noted from Mrs Karen McKeivitt, Lord Morrow and Mr Pat Ramsey.

2.     **Minutes of previous meeting**

2.1    The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 06 January were **agreed** and signed by the Chairperson.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 19 January 2015**

Assembly Business

4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule the Election of a Deputy Speaker on Monday 19 January.

4.2 Members **agreed** that Members should have up to three minutes to speak during the Election of the Deputy Speaker.

4.3 Subject to the Election of a Deputy Speaker, Members **agreed** to schedule the Election of a Principal Deputy Speaker on Monday 19 January.

4.4 Mr Maginness expressed his party's opposition to the concept of a Principal Deputy Speaker.

4.5 Members **noted** the convention that during the Election of a Principal Deputy Speaker not more than one Member from each political party should speak and Members **agreed** that Members should have up to three minutes to speak.

4.6 Following discussion it was **agreed** that an All-Party Notice would be sent to all MLAs outlining the procedure regarding the Election of the Deputy Speaker and Principal Deputy Speaker.

4.7 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Order 20(1) for Monday 19 January.

Public Petition

4.8 Members **agreed** to schedule the presentation of a Public Petition by Mrs Brenda Hale, on 'Dromore Central Primary School', for Monday 19 January.

Executive Business

4.9 Members **noted** that a Ministerial Statement on the Outcome of the December Fisheries Council 2014 was scheduled for Monday 19 January.

- 4.10 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 20 January.

#### Committee Business

- 4.11 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business for either day.

#### Private Members' Business

- 4.12 Members **noted** that there was no change to Private Members' Business previously scheduled for Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 January.
- 4.13 Following a query from Mr Weir Members **noted** that there would be no Ministerial response to the motion entitled 'Protecting Core Public Services'.
- 4.14 Following a query from Mr Swann Members **noted** that the Minister for Employment and Learning would respond to the motion entitled 'Employment Levels in the North West'.
- 4.15 Mr Alan Rogers advised that no further business was expected at this stage.
- 4.16 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

### 5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 26 January 2015**

#### Executive Business

- 5.1 Members **noted** that the following business was scheduled for Monday 26 January:
- Question Time to the Minister of Finance and Personnel and to the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety;
  - Further Consideration Stage of the Off-street Parking (Functions of District Councils) Bill (NIA Bill 40/11-16);
  - Legislative Consent Motion on the Pension Schemes Bill.
- 5.2 Members **noted** that Question Time to the Minister of Justice and to Minister for Regional Development was scheduled for Tuesday 27 January.

### Committee Business

5.3 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business for either day.

### Private Members' Business

5.4 Members **agreed** to schedule the Second Stage of the Children's Services Co-operation Bill (NIA Bill 44/11-16) for Monday 26 January.

5.5 Members **agreed** to schedule one Private Members' Motion on Monday 26 January and two on Tuesday 27 January.

5.6 Under the system of allocation, the selections lay with the UUP, Sinn Féin and the DUP.

5.7 The following motion was selected for Monday 26 January:

- 'Importance of Education, Skills and Training in the Draft 2015/16 Budget' (Mr R Swann and Mr D Kinahan).

5.8 The following motions were selected for Tuesday 27 January:

- 'Abuse Against Older People' (Ms M McLaughlin, Mr M Brady and Ms R McCorley);
- 'The Union Flag on UK Driving Licences Issued in Northern Ireland' (Mrs P Cameron, Mr P Weir, Lord Morrow and Mr I McCrea).

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 27 January and the following topic was selected:

- 'Temporary Housing Sites in Antrim' (Mr T Clarke).

5.11 Mr Alan Rogers advised that all Ministers were available to respond.

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 20 January 2015 in Room 106.

*The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 12.45pm*

**The Speaker**  
**Chairperson**