

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2015
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1.03pm.

Present:

The Speaker (Chairperson)
Mr A Cochrane-Watson
Mr S Dickson
Mrs K McKeivitt
Mrs S Overend
Ms C Ruane
Mr R Swann
Mr P Weir

In attendance:

Dr A McGarel	Clerk of Business
Mr T Reaney	Clerk/Chief Executive
Dr G McGrath	Director of Clerking and Reporting
Ms N Dunwoody	Clerk Assistant
Mr D Martin	Clerk Assistant
Mrs T Caul	Acting Director of Legal Services and Governance
Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
Ms F Leneghan	PS/Speaker
Mr G Ervine	Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

Junior Minister McCann
Junior Minister Pengelly
Mr A Rogers **OFMDFM**

1. Apologies

- 1.1 There were apologies from Mr Gerry Kelly, Lord Morrow and Mr Robin Swann.
- 1.2 The Speaker offered condolences to Mrs Overend on the recent death of her grandmother.

2. Minutes of previous meetings

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 November were **agreed**.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 The Speaker **referred** Members to an advice paper regarding revised guidance for Members on Motions.

3.2 Members **agreed** that, from the start of the next mandate, more than one motion on a particular topic can be placed on the No Day Named List.

3.3 Members considered a proposal that, from the start of the next mandate, the No Day Named list of motions will remain in place for the duration of the mandate.

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

For - 63 votes

Against - 38 votes

3.5 The proposal was, therefore, **agreed**.

3.6 Members considered advice relating to the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill, which crosses the remit of both the Department of Justice and the Department of the Environment.

3.7 Members considered a proposal that, due to the way in which the Bill has been drafted, the most appropriate Committee to carry out the scrutiny of this Bill is the Committee for the Environment.

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

For – 59 votes

Against – 14 votes

Abstain – 28 votes

3.9 The proposal was, therefore, **agreed**.

3.10 Ms Ruane requested that further information be provided about the department that deals with similar matters in the Irish Government.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 23 November 2015**

Executive Business

4.1 Members **noted** a request to schedule the First Stage of the Health and Personal Social Services (Amendment) Bill for Monday 23 November.

- 4.2 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 23 November.
- 4.3 Members **noted** the motion on Snares Order (Northern Ireland) 2015, previously scheduled for Tuesday 24 November, was removed.
- 4.4 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 24 November.

Committee Business

- 4.5 Members **noted** that there was no change to Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 23 November.
- 4.6 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Social Development to extend the Committee Stage of the Housing (Amendment) Bill for Tuesday 24 November.

Private Members' Business

- 4.7 Members **noted** that Dr Stephen Farry's name has been added to the Alliance motion on the Reduction in the Number of MLAs.
- 4.8 Members **noted** that Mrs Judith Cochrane has requested to introduce her Bill on the Licensing Act – this will be added to indicative timings when the necessary consents have been received.
- 4.9 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Private Members' Business for either day.
- 4.10 Junior Minister Pengelly advised that no further business was expected at this stage.
- 4.11 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.
- 4.12 Mrs Overend thanked Members for rescheduling her adjournment debate for Tuesday 24 November.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 30 November 2015**

Executive Business

5.1 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 30 November:

- Further Consideration Stage of the Food Hygiene Rating Bill.
- Question Time to the Minister of Education and the Minister for Employment and Learning.

5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 01 December:

- Second Stage of the Health and Personal Social Services (Amendment) Bill.
- Consideration Stage of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill
- Further Consideration Stage of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill.
- Question Time to the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, the Minister of the Environment.

Committee Business

5.3 Members **agreed** to schedule the Further Consideration Stage of the Public Services Ombudsperson Bill for Monday 30 November.

5.4 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Public Accounts Committee on their Reports and Memoranda of Reply for Monday 30 November.

5.5 Members **agreed** that up to 2 hours should be allocated for the motion, with 15 minutes to move, 15 minutes to wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.

5.6 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for the Environment for Monday 30 November. The wording of the motion has still to be agreed.

5.7 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with 10 minutes to move, 10 minutes to wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.

5.8 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Order 10(2) to 10(4) to allow the sitting to extend beyond 7:00pm for Monday 30 November.

5.9 Members **noted** that there was no Committee Business requested for Tuesday 01 December.

Private Members' Business

5.10 Members **noted** that there was no time to schedule Private Members' Motions on either day.

5.11 The provisional Order Papers were **agreed**.

6. **Any other business**

6.1 Members **noted** a letter from the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister requesting an extra sitting on Wednesday 18 November to consider two items of business.

6.2 Members **agreed** to schedule an extra sitting on Wednesday 18 November starting at 10:30am.

6.3 Members **agreed** to consider the draft Order Paper for this sitting via email.

7. **Date and time of next meeting**

7.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1.00pm on Tuesday 24 November 2015 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.28pm

The Speaker
Chairperson