

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 01 DECEMBER 2015
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1.02pm.

Present:

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

In attendance:

Dr A McGarel	Clerk of Business
Dr G McGrath	Director of Clerking and Reporting
Mr D Martin	Clerk Assistant
Mr P Gill	Acting Clerk Assistant
Ms T Caul	Acting Director Legal Services and Governance
Ms F Leneghan	PS/Speaker
Mr G Ervine	Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

Junior Minister Pengelly	
Mr A Rogers	OFMDFM

1. Apologies

1.1 There were apologies from The Speaker, Mr Gerry Kelly and Mr Pat Ramsey.

2. Minutes of previous meetings

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24 November were **agreed**.

3. Matters arising

4. Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 07 December 2015

Assembly Business

- 4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Orders 10(2) to 10(4) for Monday 07 December.
- 4.2 Members **agreed** to schedule the consideration of business not concluded on Monday 7 December, as the first item of business for Tuesday 8th December.

Executive Business

- 4.3 Members **noted** the notification of a Ministerial Statement from the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development for Monday 07 December.
- 4.4 Members **noted** a request to schedule the First Stage of the Fisheries Bill for Monday 07 December.
- 4.5 Members **noted** a request to schedule the Second Stage of the Houses in Multiple Occupation Bill for Monday 07 December.
- 4.6 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 07 December.
- 4.7 Members **noted** a slight change in the running order of Executive Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 08 December.

Committee Business

- 4.8 Members **noted** the wording of the motion tabled by the Committee for Justice, scheduled for Monday 07 December.
- 4.9 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 07 December.
- 4.10 Members **noted** that there was no change to Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 08 December.

Private Members' Business

- 4.11 Members **noted** the Second Stage of Mrs Judith Cochrane's Licensing Bill is scheduled for Monday 07 December, as agreed by email following last week's meeting.
- 4.12 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Private Members' Business for Monday 07 December.

- 4.13 Members **noted** that there was still no Private Members' Business for Tuesday 08 December.
- 4.14 Members **noted** that Ms Bronwyn McGahan has requested to introduce her Bill on the Garrison Ely Trust at the earliest opportunity. This will be added to the Indicative Timings when the necessary consents have been received.
- 4.15 Junior Minister Pengelly advised that no further business was expected at this stage.
- 4.16 Members **agreed** that business listed for Tuesday 08 December is shown on a split Order Paper over Tuesday 08 December and Wednesday 09 December.
- 4.17 Members **agreed** that if a Wednesday sitting is required there will be a lunchtime suspension at 1.00pm.
- 4.18 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 11 January 2016**

Assembly Business

- 5.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Orders 10(2) to 10(4) for Monday 11 January.
- 5.2 Members **agreed** to schedule the consideration of business not concluded on Monday 11 January, as the first item of business for Tuesday 12 January.

Executive Business

- 5.3 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 11 January:
- Second Stage of the Fisheries Bill.
 - Consideration Stage of the Legal Complaints and Regulation Bill.
 - Consideration Stage of the Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill.
 - Consideration Stage of the Environmental Better Regulation Bill.
 - Further Consideration Stage of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill.
 - Question Time to the Minister for Regional Development and the Minister for Social Development.

5.4 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 12 January:

- Second Stage of the Employment Bill.
- Consideration Stage of the Credit Unions and Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Bill.
- Further Consideration Stage of the Water and Sewerage Services Bill.
- Final Stage of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill.
- Legislative Consent Motion on the Housing and Planning Bill: Amendment of Estate Agents Act 1979.
- Question Time to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure.

Committee Business

5.5 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for the Environment to extend the Committee Stage of the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill for Monday 11 January.

5.6 Members noted that there were no requests for Committee Business for Tuesday 12 January.

Private Members' Business

5.7 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 12 January. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with Sinn Féin. The following motion was selected:

- 'Community and Alternative Education in West Belfast' (Ms J McCann)

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

6. **Any other business**

6.1 Mr Swann raised an issue which arose during the Plenary Session on Monday 30 November, when Mr Basil McCrea queried the time allocated to the Committee for the Environment motion 'Climate Change Conference in Paris'.

6.2 Members **noted** that the time allocated by the Business Committee was in line with the time requested by the Committee for this motion.

6.3 Members **agreed** that Mr Basil McCrea is referred to the Chairperson of the Committee for the Environment in relation to the timing of this motion.

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

7.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1.00pm on Tuesday 05 January 2016 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.11pm

**The Speaker
Chairperson**