

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 02 FEBRUARY 2016
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1.01pm.

Present:

The Speaker (Chairperson)
Mr T Clarke
Mr S Dickson
Mr G Kelly
Mrs K McKeivitt
Mrs S Overend
Ms C Ruane
Mr P Weir

In attendance:

Dr A McGarel	Clerk of Business
Mr G McGrath	Director of Parliamentary Services
Mr D Martin	Clerk Assistant
Mr P Gill	Clerk Assistant
Ms T Caul	Legal Services and Governance
Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
Ms F Leneghan	PS/Speaker
Mr G Ervine	Assistant Assembly Clerk
Miss A Ferguson	Speaker's Office

Observers:

Deputy Speaker Beggs
Junior Minister Pengelly
Mr A Rogers **OFMDFM**

1. **Apologies**

1.1 There were apologies from Mr R Swann and Mr A Maginness.

2. **Minutes of previous meetings**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 January were **agreed**.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 08 February 2016**

Assembly Business

4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the SDLP to change Committee Membership for Monday 08 February.

Executive Business

4.2 Members **noted** that the notification of a Ministerial Statement from the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development for Monday 08 February.

4.3 Members **noted** that the Further Consideration Stage of the Shared Education Bill was removed from business for Monday 08 February.

4.4 Members **noted** a request from the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to schedule a motion on the Statement of Proposed Entitlements for an Official Opposition for Monday 08 February.

4.5 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with the usual speaking times.

4.6 Members **noted** that the draft Order Paper did not include the two supply resolution motions as they were tabled too late to be included in packs. Members **agreed** for them to be added to the Order Paper before it is issued.

4.7 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 08 February.

4.8 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 09 February.

Committee Business

4.9 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Education to extend the Committee Stage of the Addressing Bullying in Schools Bill for Monday 08 February.

4.10 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Social Development to further extend the Committee Stage of the Licensing Bill for Monday 08 February.

- 4.11 Members **agreed** to schedule these items of Committee Business immediately after the Ministerial Statements and before Executive Committee Business.
- 4.12 Members **noted** that there was no change to Committee Business scheduled for Tuesday 09 February.

Private Members' Business

- 4.13 Members **noted** that there was still no Private Members' Business scheduled for Monday 08 February.
- 4.14 Members **noted** that there was still no Private Members' Business scheduled for Tuesday 09 February.
- 4.15 Junior Minister Pengelly 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 15 February 2016**

Assembly Business

- 5.1 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion to suspend Standing Orders 10(2) to 10(4) for Monday 15 February.
- 5.2 Members **agreed** to schedule the consideration of business not concluded on Monday 15 February as the first item of business for Tuesday 16 February.

Executive Business

- 5.3 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 15 February:
- Further Consideration Stage of the Housing (Amendment) Bill.
 - Consideration Stage of the Budget Bill.
 - Consideration Stage of the Rural Needs Bill.
 - Final Stage of the Legal Complaints and Regulation Bill.
 - Question Time to the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister and the Minister of the Environment.
- 5.4 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 16 February:

- Motion on the Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Seizure and Detention of Property: Code of Practice) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Motion on the Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cash Searches: Code of Practice) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Motion on the Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations: Code of Practice) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Members **agreed** to schedule a single debate to cover the three sets of regulations with the question put on each separately.
- Motion on the Draft Working Time Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Further Consideration Stage of the Assembly Members (Reduction of Numbers) Bill.
- Further Consideration Stage of the Budget Bill.
- Final Stage of the Credit Unions and Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Bill.
- Motion: Draft Renewables Obligation (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Consideration Stage of the Mental Capacity Bill.
- Question Time to the Minister of Finance and Personnel and the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

Committee Business

- 5.5 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee on Standards and Privileges to appoint an Acting Commissioner for Monday 15 February.
- 5.6 Members **agreed** that up 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion.
- 5.7 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure on its Report on the Inquiry into inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities for Monday 15 February.
- 5.8 Members **agreed** that up to 2 hours should be allocated for the motion, with 10 minutes to move and wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.
- 5.9 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee Business for Tuesday 16 February.

Private Members' Business

5.10 Members **agreed** to schedule the Further Consideration Stage of the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill for Monday 15 February.

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

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 1.00pm on Tuesday 09 February 2016 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.09pm

**The Speaker
Chairperson**