

DRAFT
NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2016
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 1.00pm.

Present:

The Speaker (Chairperson)
Mr A Attwood
Mr T Clarke
Mr S Dickson
Dr S Farry
Mr G Lyons
Mr D McAleer
Ms C Ní Chuilín
Mrs S Overend
Mr R Swann

In attendance:

Dr A McGarel	Clerk of Business
Mr P Gill	Clerk Assistant
Mrs A McKelvey	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 Fearon
Junior Minister Ross
Mr A Rogers **The Executive Office**

1. **Apologies**

1.1 There was an apology from Mr C McGrath.

2. **Minutes of previous meetings**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 06 September were **agreed**.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 Members **agreed** to circulate the letter referred to at point 4.14 in last week's minutes – Speaker's correspondence to the Executive Office to inform it of the Business Committee's decision for opposition days.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Paper for plenary meetings in week commencing 19 September 2016**

Public Petition

4.1 Members **agreed** to schedule the presentation of a Public Petition by Ms Paula Bradshaw, on 'Access to Cancer Drugs', for Monday 19 September.

4.2 Members **agreed** to schedule the presentation of a Public Petition by Mr Gerry Carroll, on 'End the Veto on Marriage Equality', for Tuesday 20 September.

Executive Business

4.3 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 19 September.

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Private Members' Business

4.5 Members **noted** that, following last week's meeting, Sinn Féin confirmed that their Private Members' Motion scheduled for Monday 19 September was on 'Used Tyres'.

4.6 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Private Members' Business previously scheduled for Monday 19 September.

4.7 Members **noted** that, following last week's meeting, SDLP confirmed that their Private Members' Motion scheduled for Tuesday 20 September was on 'Roads Maintenance Budget Deficit'.

4.8 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Private Members' Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 20 September.

4.9 Junior Minister Ross advised that no further Executive business was expected at this stage.

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

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 26 September 2016**

Public Petition

- 5.1 Members **agreed** to schedule the presentation of a Public Petition by Mr Colin McGrath, on 'Campaign against the harsh introduction of equal state pension requirements', for Monday 26 September.

Executive Business

- 5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 26 September:

- Question Time for the Minister for Communities and the Minister for the Economy.

- 5.3 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 27 September:

- Second Stage of the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Bill.
- Motion from the Minister for Communities on the BBC Charter and Framework Agreement. Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion, with 10 minutes to move and wind and 5 minutes for all other speakers.
- Question Time to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance.

Opposition Business

- 5.4 Three Motions were scheduled for Monday 26 September for discussion under 'Opposition Business'.

- 5.5 The first motion scheduled is on 'Public Confidence after NAMA Revelations' (Mr M Nesbitt, Mr R Swann and Mr P Smith). Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion.

- 5.6 The second motion scheduled is on 'Rural Bank Closures' (Mr R McPhillips, Mr P McGlone, Mr D McCrossan and Mr C McGrath). Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for the motion.

- 5.7 The third motion scheduled is on 'Impact on Women of Changes to the State Pension' (Mr A Allen, Mrs R Barton, Mrs J Dobson, Mrs S Overend and Mrs J

Palmer). Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour should be allocated for the motion.

Private Members' Business

5.8 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 27 September. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with SDLP and the following adjournment debate was selected:

- 'The Future of the Jobs and Benefits Office in Armagh' (Mr J McNulty)

5.9 Junior Minister Ross advised that all Ministers were available.

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

6. **Any Other Business**

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

7.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1:00pm on Tuesday 20 September 2016 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.06pm

The Speaker
Chairperson