

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

**TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2016**  
**IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**MINUTES**

*The meeting began at 1.01pm.*

**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:**

<b>Dr A McGarel</b>	<b>Clerk of Business</b>
<b>Dr G McGrath</b>	<b>Director of Parliamentary Services</b>
<b>Mr P Gill</b>	<b>Clerk Assistant</b>
<b>Mr D Martin</b>	<b>Clerk Assistant</b>
<b>Ms A Kelly</b>	<b>Legal Services and Governance</b>
<b>Mr R Ramsey</b>	<b>Adviser to the Speaker</b>
<b>Ms F Leneghan</b>	<b>PS/Speaker</b>
<b>Mr G Ervine</b>	<b>Assistant Assembly Clerk</b>
<b>Mr M O'Hare</b>	<b>Clerical Supervisor</b>

**Observers:**

<b>Ms C Ruane</b>	<b>Principal Deputy Speaker</b>
<b>Junior Minister Fearon</b>	
<b>Junior Minister Ross</b>	
<b>Mr A Rogers</b>	<b>The Executive Office</b>

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 13 September were **agreed**.

3. **Matters arising**
4. **Finalisation of the Order Paper for plenary meetings in week commencing 26 September 2016**

Executive Committee Business

- 4.1 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Monday 26 September.
- 4.2 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Committee Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 27 September.

Opposition Business

- 4.3 Members **noted** revised wording for the motion on 'Public Confidence after NAMA Revelations', scheduled for Monday 26 September.
- 4.4 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Opposition Business previously scheduled for Monday 26 September.

Private Members' Business

- 4.5 Members **noted** that, following last week's meeting, SDLP requested that their Adjournment Debate topic, scheduled for Tuesday 27 September, was changed to 'Irregular Flying of Flags in South Belfast', tabled by Ms Claire Hanna.
- 4.6 Members **noted** that there was no further change to Private Members' Business previously scheduled for Tuesday 27 September.
- 4.7 Junior Minister Fearon advised that no further Executive business was expected at this stage.
- 4.8 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. **Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 03 October 2016**

Executive Business

- 5.1 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 03 October:

- Question Time for the Executive Office and the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 04 October:

- Ministerial Statement from the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on the North-South Ministerial Council Environment Sector.
- Ministerial Statement from the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on the North-South Ministerial Council Aquaculture and Marine Sector.
- Question Time to the Minister for Infrastructure and the Minister of Justice.

#### Committee Business

5.3 Members **agreed** to schedule a motion from the Committee on Procedures to amend a number of Standing Orders for Tuesday 04 October.

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

#### Private Members' Business

5.5 Members **agreed** to schedule two Private Members' Motions on Monday 03 October and one Private Members' Motion on Tuesday 04 October.

5.6 Under the system of allocation, the selections for Monday 03 October lay with DUP and Sinn Féin and the selection for Tuesday 04 October lay with Alliance. The following motions were selected:

- 'Epilepsy Service Provision' (Mr G Robinson and Ms P Bradley).
- 'Scrambler and Quad Bikes' (Ms J McCann, Mr G Kelly, Mr D Kearney and Mr R McCartney).
- 'Openness and Transparency from the Executive' (Dr S Farry, Mr D Ford, Mrs N Long and Mr S Dickson).

5.7 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 04 October. Under the system of allocation, the selection lay with DUP and the following adjournment debate was selected:

- 'Road Infrastructure in Mid Ulster' (Mr K Buchanan).

5.8 Junior Minister Fearon advised that all Ministers were available.

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

6. **Any Other Business**

6.1 Members **noted** correspondence from Mr Steven Agnew, requesting a copy of an advice paper provided to the Business Committee on 07 June 2016 regarding the rota for Private Members' Business. Members **agreed** to forward a copy of this advice paper to Mr Agnew.

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

7.1 Members **agreed** to meet at 1:00pm on Tuesday 27 September 2016 in Room 106.

*The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 1.08pm*

**The Speaker**  
**Chairperson**