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Ad Hoc Committee on a Bill of Rights

Minutes of Proceedings

Thursday 9 September 2021

Meeting Location: Hybrid Meeting – Room 29, Parliament Buildings, and via StarLeaf

Present: Emma Sheerin MLA (Chairperson)
Paula Bradshaw MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Stephen Dunne MLA
Carál Ní Chuilín MLA
Christopher Stalford MLA

Apologies: Alan Chambers MLA
Mark Durkan MLA

In Attendance: Caroline Perry (Assembly Clerk)
Gavin Ervine (Senior Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Shirleen Cornelissen (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 3:01pm in open session.



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1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson referred Members to a note of the informal session of the Committee's reporting stage deliberations on 1 July 2021.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the note of the informal session of the Committee's reporting stage deliberations on 1 July 2021.

The Chairperson referred Members to a note of the Committee's strategy day on 2 September 2021.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the note of the Committee's strategy day on 2 September 2021.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 July 2021.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.



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5. Forward Work Programme

The Chairperson referred Members to the draft Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: Members agreed the Forward Work Programme, subject to discussions during the Committee's informal session following this meeting.

6. Any Other Business

The Deputy Chairperson raised the issue of the panel of experts, highlighting that it would be useful for the Committee to get an update on the status of the panel.

Agreed: Members agreed to write to the Executive Office to ask for an update on the status of the panel.

7. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting

Members agreed to confirm the date and time of the next meeting during its informal session following this meeting.

The Committee moved to closed session at 3:06pm.

The Committee continued its reporting stage deliberations and considered a paper on potential rights for inclusion.

Agreed: The Committee agreed Thursday 23 September 2021 at 2:30pm as the date and time of the next meeting.



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The meeting adjourned at 3:19pm.

Emma Sheerin MLA

Chairperson, Ad Hoc Committee on a Bill of Rights