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Ad Hoc Committee on a Bill of Rights

Minutes of Proceedings

Thursday 04 November 2021

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

Present: Emma Sheerin MLA (Chairperson)
Paula Bradshaw MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Alan Chambers MLA
Mark Durkan MLA
Paul Frew MLA
Carál Ní Chuilín MLA

Apologies: No apologies were received.

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

The meeting commenced at 2.30pm in open session.



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1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

None.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 07 October 2021.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Correspondence

- i. The Committee considered the invitation from Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission to its Strategic Planning events.

Agreed: Members agreed to reply directly informing the Clerk if they plan to attend.



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- ii. The Committee noted the correspondence from Northern Ireland Human Rights Consortium.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to provide the Consortium with an update.

6. 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.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

8. 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 2.34pm.



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9. Rights for Inclusion – Consideration of potential rights

The Committee continued its reporting stage deliberations.

Agreed: Members agreed to provide a paper outlining their party's position on the paper on rights for inclusion.

The Committee was provided with an update on the areas the Committee has reached agreement on; along with an overview of outstanding issues.

Agreed: Members agreed to consider these issues following the submission of position papers from all parties.

Agreed: The Committee agreed Thursday 18 November 2021 at 2:30pm as the date of the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.51pm.

Emma Sheerin MLA

Chairperson, Ad Hoc Committee on a Bill of Rights