



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

COMMITTEE FOR ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

16 JUNE 2015

ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, 10.00AM

Present: Mr Patsy McGlone (Chairperson)
Mr Phil Flanagan (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Steven Agnew
Mr Gordon Dunne
Mr Paul Frew
Mr Paul Givan
Mr William Humphrey
Mr Fearghal McKinney
Mr Máirtín Ó Muilleoir

In Attendance: Mr Jim McManus (Assembly Clerk)
Ms Angela McParland (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Nathan McVeigh (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Christopher Jeffrey (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr Danny Kinahan

The meeting began at 10:14am

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted as above.

2. Draft Minutes of Meeting of 9 June 2015

Agreed: the Committee agreed the draft minutes of 9 June 2015.

3. Chairperson's Business

Members considered a revised Agenda to take into account an additional item of business.

Agreed: that the Committee is content with the revised Agenda.

The Chairperson informed members that the Deputy Chairperson is unable to attend the Knowledge Exchange Seminar on Wednesday 24 June to make an opening statement on behalf of the Committee.

Agreed: that Gordon Dunne attend and make an opening statement on behalf of the Committee.

The Chairperson reminded members that it was agreed at an earlier meeting that Wednesdays are the most suitable day of the week for a Committee visit.

Agreed: the Committee is still content for visits to be held on Wednesdays.

The Chairperson informed members that the pack for the informal meeting with the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport and Communications was sent to members by way of email the previous afternoon.

4. Oral Briefing from DETI: Credit Unions and Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Bill

The Officials joined the meeting at 10:18am

Members received a briefing from Mr Keith Brown, Head of Financial Capability, DETI, Ms Marie Turner, Deputy Principal, Company Law, DETI and Mr Richard Scott, Staff Officer, Company Law, DETI.

Patsy McGlone declared an interest as a member of a credit union

William Humphrey declared an interest as a member of a credit union

Phil Flanagan declared an interest as a member of a credit union

Steven Agnew joined the meeting at 10.23am

William Humphrey left the meeting at 10.27am

Máirtín Ó Muilleoir joined the meeting at 10.29am

Fearghal McKinney joined the meeting at 10.31am

Key issues discussed included: a summary of consultation, pre legislative scrutiny, the admission of corporate members under Clause 1 of the Bill, impact of Clause 4 on the attachment of shares and concerns relating to Clause 6 and the application of surplus funds by credit unions.

The Officials left the meeting at 10:37am

The Committee agreed to move to agenda item 6.

6. Matters Arising

Members noted correspondence from the mobile phone operator Three stating that it would seek meetings with individual MLAs to discuss roll out plans for their constituencies rather than engaging with the Committee.

Members considered a response from Tourism NI to the Committee's request regarding the Events Funding Programme.

Agreed: to ask the Department for further information on funds awarded for Sports Personality of the Year 2015.

7. Legislation: SR 2015 The Renewables Obligation (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

Members discussed SR 2015 The Renewables Obligation (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

Question put and agreed: that the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment has considered SR 2015 The Renewables Obligation (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and recommends that it be affirmed by the Assembly.

8. Legislation: SR 2015/265 Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Chemicals (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Members discussed SR 2015/265 Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Chemicals (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Question put and agreed: that the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment has considered SR 2015/265 Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Chemicals (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

and, subject to the Examiner of Statutory Rules' report, has no objection to the rule.

9. Written Briefing from Consumer Council NI: Research into Online Parcel Deliveries to Northern Ireland

Members considered a written briefing from the Consumer Council NI in relation to Research into Online Parcel Deliveries to Northern Ireland.

Agreed: to ask the Consumer Council to brief the Committee on this issue at a future meeting.

10. Consultation: Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide in Northern Ireland – Draft Access to Infrastructure Regulations and Draft Licensing Regulations

Members considered a consultation document in relation to Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide in Northern Ireland – Draft Access to Infrastructure Regulations and Draft Licensing Regulations.

Agreed: to ask the Department for a summary of responses following consultation.

11. Correspondence

Members noted the following items of correspondence;

- i. Correspondence from the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development in relation to the Inquiry into Better Regulation.
- ii. Correspondence from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister in relation to the Joint Ministerial Committee (Europe).

12. Any Other Business

There were no additional items of business.

13. Date, time and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on **Tuesday 23 June 2015** at **10.00am** in **Room 29, Parliament Buildings.**

The Chairperson reminded members that an informal meeting will take place with the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport and Communications on Thursday 18 June.

The meeting went into closed session at 10:40am

14. Committee Report: Inquiry into Growing the Economy and Creating Jobs in a Reduced Tax Environment

Members considered the draft 'Report on the Committee's Inquiry into Growing the Economy and Creating Jobs with Lower Corporation Tax'.

Fearghal McKinney left the meeting at 11.09am

Paul Givan joined the meeting at 11.10am

The Committee went into public session at 11.34am.

5. Oral Briefing from Mutual Energy Ltd: Moyle Interconnector

The Officials joined the meeting at 11:34am

Members received a briefing from Mr Paddy Larkin, Chief Executive, Mutual Energy, and Mr Gerard McIlroy, Finance Director, Mutual Energy.

William Humphrey returned to the meeting at 11.49am

Gordon Dunne left the meeting at 11.51am

Máirtín Ó Muilleoir left the meeting at 12.00pm

Paul Givan left the meeting at 12.06pm

Key issues discussed included: an update on the progress of the project, problems encountered during the project, Executive salaries and bonuses and the estimated cost of the project.

The Officials left the meeting at 12:15pm

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12.15pm

Mr Patsy McGlone
Chairperson
Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment

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