



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**  
**ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**Present:**

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Séan Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA  
Mr Ross Hussey MLA  
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Mr Ian McCrea MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA  
Mr Stephen Moutray MLA

**In attendance:**

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)  
Mr Nathan McVeigh (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Tara McKee (Clerical Supervisor)  
Ms Alison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)

**Apologies:**

Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

*10.34am      The meeting commenced in public session*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

## **2. Chairperson's Business**

Members welcomed Mr Declan McAleer MLA to the Committee. Mr McAleer has replaced Mr Pat Doherty MP.

The Chairperson informed members that a copy of Mr McAleer's Register of Interests were tabled for information.

The Chairperson informed members he met with the former commissioner for older people and a representative from Shop Mobility over the summer in relation to funding.

*Agreed:* That a briefing is scheduled from Shop Mobility.

## **3. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>ST</sup> August 2012.

## **4. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister for Regional Development regarding Translink business case and agreed that the Chair and Deputy Chair seek a meeting with the Minister on the matter and that the Minister be called to an early meeting of the Committee. The Committee further agreed that the Chief Executive, Translink/NITHC, be invited to the Committee.

*10.48am* *Mrs Kelly left the meeting*

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding 2013 Cross Border PEACE and INTERREG programmes and agreed to forward to the Department to indicate any applications they intend making to these programmes.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Central Committee Office regarding members' attendance and agreed comments would be forward to the Central Committee Office.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding proposed pay award for train drivers and agreed that the Committee would write to the Department asking if the Translink pay deal has been implemented, when and the rate of the increase and for a breakdown of benefits paid to the Chief Operating Officer.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding a press release.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding critical service tests on Translink vehicles.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding Equality Commission Report on the Cessation of Funding for Easibus Services in Bangor and Londonderry.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding differential / dual layered parking penalties.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding new parking enforcement and car park management contract.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding recent flooding incidences.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding parking places for electric vehicles.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding Department and arm length bodies at 2012 Olympics.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding Translink pay bands and memorandum of understanding.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding DRD Section 75 Annual Progress Report to the Equality Commission.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding sale of land at Ahogill, County Antrim.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding Draft UK Aviation Policy Framework - consultation workshop.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Gerard Daye, public regarding bus transport in Mount Eagles, Lagmore.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Translink regarding an information request.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Belfast Healthy Cities regarding Health for all: Stronger Equity and Better Governance – lecture and agreed that the Deputy Chair represent the Committee.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Bryson regarding an annual conference invitation.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Translink regarding a proposed briefing on rail performance and investment.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from NI Greenways regarding investment in Belfast cycle lanes and agreed that briefings from NI Greenways and the Department be scheduled.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Peter Sommerset regarding Translink.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Subsidiarity regarding an invitation to register for the Subsidiarity Workshop Open Days 2012.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding the NIW Annual Report and Accounts 2011/12.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding the DRD Resource Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012.

## **5. Departmental briefing: Successful Active Travel Projects**

*11.14am The following Officials joined the meeting:*

Ciaran de Burca – Director of Transport Projects Division  
Michael Deery – Transport Projects Division  
David Strain – Transport Projects Division

The Officials presented to the Committee in respect of the above. Following the presentation, Members put questions.

*11.21am Mr McCrea joined the meeting*

*11.41am Mr Lynch left the meeting*

*11.44am The Officials left the meeting*

## **6. Departmental Briefing: Water and Sewerage Services (Amendment) Bill**

*11.44am The following Representatives joined the meeting:*

John Mills – Director of Water Policy

Stephen Rusk – Water Policy Division

The Representatives presented to the Committee in respect of the above. Following the presentation, Members put questions.

*11.46am Mr Lynch rejoined the meeting*

*11.46am Mr McAleer left the meeting*

*11.55am Mr McAleer rejoined the meeting*

*11.56am The Officials left the meeting*

## **7. Draft Report of the Inquiry into Unadopted Roads and Sewers**

The Chairperson informed members that a copy of the draft report of the Committee's Inquiry into Unadopted Roads and Sewers was included in the pack.

*Agreed:* The report is forwarded to the Minister for comment.

*11.58am Mrs Kelly rejoined the meeting*

## **8. Subordinate legislation not subject to Assembly procedure**

Members noted:

- The Parking Places on Roads (Armagh) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012
- The Waiting Restrictions (Londonderry) (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012
- The Waiting Restrictions (Dundonald) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012
- The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment No.5) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012
- The On-Street Parking (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012
- The Parking Places and Loading Bays on Roads (Londonderry) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012
- The Parking Places on Roads (Kilkeel) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012
- The Roads (Speed Limit) (No.3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012
- The Waiting Restrictions (Dungannon) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012
- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Newtownards) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012
- The Cycle Routes (Amendment No.5) (Maghera) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012
- The Loading Bays on Roads (Amendment No.3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012
- The Cycle Routes (Amendment No.4) (Dundonald) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012
- The Waiting Restrictions (Springfield Road, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012
- The Waiting Restrictions (John Street, Castlederg) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012.

12.04pm Mr Dickson left the meeting

**9. SL1 – The Tullynacross Road, Lisburn (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department indicating that it is content with the merits of the policy proposals.

**10. SL1 – The C156 (Unnamed Road), Mograverty, Craigavon (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department indicating that it is content with the merits of the policy proposals.

**11. SL1 – The Templemore Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department indicating that it is content with the merits of the policy proposals.

**12. Forward work programme/any other business**

Members noted a copy of the forward work programme.

**13. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 10.30am in Room 21.

12.04pm The meeting was adjourned

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**Mr Sean Lynch MLA**  
**Deputy Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
**19/09/12**