



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012**

**ROOM 21**

**Present:**

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Séan Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA  
Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Mr Ian McCrea MLA  
Mr David McNarry 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)  
Mr Brian Mahon (Bursary Student)

**Apologies:**

Mr Ross Hussey MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

*10.31am The meeting commenced in open session*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

**2. Chairperson's Business**

NONE.

### **3. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

### **4. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding the Draft UK Aviation Policy Framework and agreed to write to the Minister asking what investment will be given to high speed rail in Northern Ireland

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from PTEG regarding Total Transport Report.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for the Environment regarding Rathlin Island and agreed to forward to the Rathlin Island Development Association

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment regarding a Consumer Council NI Review

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding Into the West Rail Lobby Group

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding a breakdown of where PCNs were issued on Urban Clearway

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding the cost of replacing/repairing waste water treatment plants/pumps

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding home to school transport

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding the Warrenpoint Harbour Authority

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the External Liaison Unit regarding a visit by the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Translink regarding the opening of Adelaide Maintenance Facility and agreed to hold a meeting at the facility and attend the opening

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from North Down Borough Council regarding Shopmobility funding

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding public appointments

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Limavady Borough Council regarding the Magilligan to Greencastle Ferry Service.

*10.34am Mr McNarry joined the meeting*

## **5. Commissioner for Public Appointments Northern Ireland: Code Compliance Issues within DRD**

*10.44am The following Officials joined the meeting:*

Commissioner John Keanie, Commissioner for Public Appointments  
Pat Neeson, Business and Policy Manager

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

The Chairperson informed members they should avoid questions relating to the current case within the Department and Northern Ireland Water.

*11.16am Mr McNarry left the meeting*

*11.21am Mr McNarry rejoined the meeting*

*11.26am Mr Dallat left the meeting*

*11.31am Mr Dallat rejoined the meeting*

*11.35am The Officials left the meeting*

## **6. Departmental Briefing: Ferry Services**

*11.35am The following Officials joined the meeting:*

Mr Stephen McKillop, Accountant – Public Transport  
Mr Liam McEvoy, Principal Transport Planner

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

*11.50am Mrs Kelly left the meeting*

*12.09pm Mr Dallat left the meeting*

12.15pm      *The Officials left the meeting*

*Agreed:*      *The Committee would write to the Minister asking if his Department will be looking at changing the legislation surrounding the Magilligan to Greencastle ferry to enable the Department to be involved in this route and to ask the Minister if he intends meeting with his counterparts in the Republic of Ireland in relation to this matter.*

*Agreed:*      *The Committee would write to the Department asking for a copy of the report into the review of the Strangford ferry service.*

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

Members noted:

- The Cycle Routes (Amendment No.6) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012

## **8. Any Other Business**

12.16pm      *Mr McNarry left the meeting.*

The Clerk informed the Committee that the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure will be visiting next week and asked members to indicate if they were available to meet with them.

*Agreed:*      The Committee agreed to write to the Minister of Finance and Personnel asking for information on the discussions he has had with the Treasury regarding funding for the A5 project.

## **9. Date of the next meeting**

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

12.20am      *The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Sean Lynch MLA**  
**Deputy Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
**21/11/12**