



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2013
ROOM 21

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Ian McCrea MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín 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)
Brian Mahon (Bursary Student)

Apologies:

Mr Ross Hussey MLA

10.35am *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 20th February 2013.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding Translink On-going Legal Proceedings.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from Bob Harper regarding taxis in bus lanes and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Employment and Learning regarding Post 19 SEN Provision and 14-19 Education Strategy.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding Post Project Evaluations.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding Scarva Train Station.

Agreed: The Committee noted a Report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister regarding the EU Commission proposal on alternative fuels infrastructure and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding Water and Sewerage Services PC13 process.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company regarding the official opening of the Coleraine to Londonderry railway line and agreed that Members would inform Committee staff of their intention to attend this event.

5. Welsh Water Briefing

10.39am the following representative joined the meeting

Nigel Annett – Managing Director of Welsh Water

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

10.40am *Mr Dallat joined meeting.*
11.20am *Mr McCrea joined meeting.*
11.21am *Mr McNarry leaves meeting.*
11.23am *Ms Kelly leaves meeting.*
11.26am *Mr McNarry rejoined meeting.*

6. Department for the Environment Briefing: Bus Operator Licensing

11.21am the following officials joined the meeting

Iain Greenway – Director of Road Safety and Vehicle Regulation and
Sharon Clements – Vehicle Policy Branch, on bus operator licensing

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

11.36am *Ms Kelly rejoined meeting.*
11.44am *Mr McAleer left meeting.*

7. Department of Regional Development and Translink briefing: Accessible Transport Action Plan

11.55am the following officials joined the meeting

Keith Walsh – DRD Accessible Transport,
Terry Butler – Translink Disability Accessibility Officer and
Michelle Rafferty – Translink – Rural Transport Development Officer

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

12.01pm *Ms Kelly left meeting.*
12.05pm *Mr McAleer rejoined meeting.*
12.15pm *Mr Dickson left meeting.*
12.19pm *Mr Dickson rejoined meeting.*
12.21pm *Mr Ó'hOísín left meeting.*
12.25pm *Mr Ó'hOísín rejoined meeting.*

8. Subordinate Legislation not subject to Assembly Procedure

12.35 pm Members noted:

- The Cycle Routes (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

- The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Armoy Motorcycle Race) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Croft Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Drumhorc Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Garron Point Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Mid Antrim 150) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Waiting Restrictions (Brockagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

9. SR 2013/27: The Limestone Road Area, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2013/27: The Limestone Road Area, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 and has no objection to the Rule.

10. Any Other Business

12.36pm On a proposal from Mr Lynch, that the Committee write to the Attorney general asking for a briefing on the Lennon case. Mr Ó'hOisín seconded the motion.

Question put: That the Committee write to the Attorney General requesting a briefing with regards to the Lennon case.

The Committee divided. Ayes 4; Noes 5.

AYES

Mr Lynch, Mr Ó'hOisín, Mr McAleer, Mr Dallat

NOES

Mr Spratt, Mr McCrea, Mr Dickson, Mr Easton, Mr McNarry

The proposal accordingly fell.

12.44pm Mr Dallat requested the Committee write to Translink requesting details of the school bus crash that occurred in Downpatrick on the 26th of February. The Committee agreed to this request.

11. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 20th March 2013 at 10.30am in Room 21.

12.47pm *The meeting was adjourned*

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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