



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY 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
Mr Ross Hussey MLA
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Ian McCrea MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

In attendance:

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)
Mr Gavin Ervine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Ms Tara McKee (Clerical Supervisor)
Ms Alison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)
Mr Brian Mahon (Bursary Student)

Apologies:

Mr David McNarry MLA

10:30am *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 22nd May 2013.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) Comprehensive Network and agreed that the Chair writes to the Chair of the Transport Committee in London and the Convener of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee in Edinburgh in relation to this.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding snow clearance operations and the damage to fencing.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Consumer Council regarding their engagement with consumers on transport and water issues.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from a member of the public regarding views on Translink and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding grant scheme for private borewells.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence relating to the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland – Investing Activity Report.

Agreed: The Committee noted a report from the OFMdfM Committee regarding Priorities for European Scrutiny in 2013 and agreed to forward to the Department for information.

5. Ministerial Briefing: A5 Road Project and Department's Relationship with Translink

10:34am The Minister and the following officials joined the meeting

Danny Kennedy MLA – Minister for Regional Development

Ciaran Doran – Director Public Transport Performance Division, DRD

Pat Doherty – Director of strategic Programmes, DRD

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

10:48am Mr Easton joined the meeting

10:57am Mr Hussey joined the meeting

11:09am Mrs Kelly joined the meeting

11:43am The Minister and officials left the meeting

6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: June Monitoring

11:44am The following officials joined the meeting

Deborah McNeilly – Director of Finance, DRD

Stewart Barnes – Head of Financial Planning and Management Branch, DRD

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

11:45am Mr McCrea left the meeting

11:45am Mr McAleer left the meeting

11:55am Mr Easton left the meeting

12:07pm Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting

12:10pm Mr Lynch left the meeting

12:14pm Mr Hussey left the meeting

12:20pm Mr Easton left the meeting

12:20pm The officials left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department for further information on revenue costs for buses and the costs associated with upgrading buses.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to support the Department's June Monitoring position, with exception of the bid for new buses.

7. Committee Motion for Inquiry into the Better Use of Public and Community Sector Funds for the Delivery of Bus Transport in Northern Ireland

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the Committee Motion to the Business Committee.

8. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The Off-Street Parking (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Banbridge) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

9. SL1: The Knocksallagh Green, Greenisland (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development is content with the merits of the policy proposal.

10. SL1: The Brucevale Park, Belfast (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development is content with the merits of the policy proposal.

9. Any Other Business

The Chairperson informed the Committee that this would be Brian Mahon's last meeting with the Committee. The Chairperson thanked him for his work and wished him every success for the future.

10. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 5th June 2013 at 10:30am in Room 21.

12:18am The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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