



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2014
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present:

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA
Mr Stephen Moutray MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

In attendance:

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)
Mr Gavin Ervine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Miss Allison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)
Mr Barry McLernon (Clerical Officer)

Apologies:

Mr Joe Byrne MLA
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Ross Hussey MLA

10:19am The meeting commenced in open session

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson gave Members an overview of the Department's Bicycle Conference, which he attended on Thursday 16th October 2014.

The Chairperson informed Members that today's Departmental briefing had been removed from the agenda due to briefing papers not being made available to the Committee in a timely manner.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to express Members' extreme concern and disappointment that briefing papers were not received in a timely manner for the Departmental briefing on the Outcome of the Water Bill Consultation. The Committee also agreed to call the senior official with responsibility for Water Policy to address issues surrounding the production and provision of papers at the next Committee meeting.

Agreed: The Chairperson agreed to raise this matter at the next Chairperson's Liaison Group.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 15th October 2014.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on NI Water annual report and accounts.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on A8 Road Scheme.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to the Committee for Education regarding walking and cycling to school.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on air pollution levels in Dungiven.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Utility Regulator regarding Committee queries on PC15 Draft Determination.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the appointment of a new Permanent Secretary.

5. Northern Ireland Local Government Association Briefing: Unadopted Roads

10:24am The following representatives joined the meeting

Derek McCallan – Chief Executive, NILGA

Richard Dale – Building Control, Craigavon Borough Council

Fiona Douglas – NILGA

The representatives presented to the Committee in respect of the work of the above.

Following the presentation, Members put questions.

10:27am Mr Easton joined the meeting

11:03am The representatives left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request that it takes legal advice regarding the issue of liability issues in dormant sites.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request that officials are made available to brief the Committee on this matter.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Health and Safety Executive to request that it looks into the matter in order that responsibility for liability of dormant sites can be identified.

6. SL1: The Latt Road, Jerrettspass, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

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

7. SL1: The A21 Ballygowan Road, Saintfield (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

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

8. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The Waiting Restrictions (Larne) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Fivemiletown) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Parking Places on Roads (Lurgan) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

9. SR 2014/257: The A4 Sligo Road, Belcoo (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/257: The A4 Sligo Road, Belcoo (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

10. SR 2014/258: The Drumalla Park, Carnlough (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/258: The Drumalla Park, Carnlough (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

11. Any Other Business

11:06am The Committee moved into closed session

The Committee discussed the Off-Street Parking (Functions of District Councils) Bill.

11:15am Mr Lyttle joined the meeting

11:26am Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting

12. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 5th November 2014 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

11:28am The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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