



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2014
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present:

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Joe Byrne MLA
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Ross Hussey MLA
Mr Chris Lyttle 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)
Ms Christine Dodson (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Barry McLernon (Clerical Officer)

Apologies:

Mr Declan McAleer MLA

09:04am The meeting commenced in open session

1. Ministerial Briefing: Coleraine to Londonderry Rail Track Phase Two Project

09:05am The Minister and the following officials joined the meeting

Danny Kennedy MLA – Minister for Regional Development
John McGrath – Deputy Secretary, Finance, Resources and Water Policy, DRD
Ciaran Doran – Director, Public Transport Services Division, DRD

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

- 09:05am *Mr Easton joined the meeting*
- 09:19am *Mr Byrne joined the meeting*
- 09:29am *Mr Hussey left the meeting*
- 09:39am *Mr Hussey re-joined the meeting*
- 10:24am *Mr Easton left the meeting*
- 10:32am *The Minister and officials left the meeting*
- 10:32am *The Committee adjourned*
- 10:42am *The meeting recommenced in open session*

The following Members were present: Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson), Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson), Mr John Dallat MLA, Mr David McNarry MLA, Mr Stephen Moutray MLA, Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

2. Apologies

As above.

3. Translink Briefing: Coleraine to Londonderry Rail Track Phase Two Project

- 10:42am *The following officials joined the meeting*

John Trethowan – Chairman, NITHCO/Translink
David Strahan – Chief Executive, Translink
Philip O’Neill – Chief Operating Officer, Translink

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

- 10:49am *Mr Hussey re-joined the meeting*
- 10:54am *Mr Easton re-joined the meeting*
- 11:38am *Mr Hussey left the meeting*

11:39am Mr Lyttle joined the meeting

11:56am Mr McNarry left the meeting

11:57am Mr Lynch left the meeting

12:01pm Mr McNarry re-joined the meeting

12:01pm The officials left the meeting

4. Northern Ireland Independent Retail Trade Association Briefing: Off-Street Parking (Functions of District Councils) Bill

12:02pm The following representatives joined the meeting

Glyn Roberts – Chief Executive, NIIRTA

Adrian Farrell – President of Portadown Chamber of Commerce

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

12:21pm Mr Lyttle left the meeting

12:24pm Mr Dallat left the meeting

12:28pm Mr Dallat re-joined the meeting

12:31pm Mr McNarry left the meeting

11:08am The representatives left the meeting

5. Chairperson's Business

6. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 5th November 2014.

7. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Northern Ireland Assembly Business Office regarding a public petition on 'Rail the Way for Armagh'.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted a copy of the Consumer Council report on Translink Timetabling Information.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted a copy of Consumer Council report on Customer Outlook Index.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding Budget 2015-2016.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding Financial Transaction Capital.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Education to DRD and Translink regarding school to school transport.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding Committee queries on the Off-Street Car Parking Bill.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from NI Water regarding the launch of the 'Beat the Freeze' campaign on Monday 17th November 2014.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from NI Water regarding the 4 journeys of a Belfast rain drop.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Health and Safety Executive Northern Ireland regarding Committee queries on unadopted roads.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted a copy of North West Region Cross Border Group Newsletter for September.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Belfast Public Hire Taxi Drivers requesting to brief Members and agreed to arrange an oral presentation.

8. Inquiry into the Coleraine to Londonderry Rail Track Phase Two Project

The Chairperson informed Members that they had been provided with draft Terms of Reference and a draft signposting advertisement in relation to the Inquiry.

- Agreed:* The Committee agreed to the Terms of Reference of the Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the signposting advertisement is placed in the local media and Assembly website week commencing 17th November 2014.

9. SL1: The A29 Armagh Road, Moy (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

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

10. SL1: The Broadway, Larne (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

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

11. SR 2014/268: The A3 Portadown Road, Richhill (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/268: The A3 Portadown Road, Richhill (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

12. SR 2014/272: The Latt Road, Jerrettspass, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/272: The Latt Road, Jerrettspass, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

13. SR 2014/273: The A21 Ballygowan Road, Saintfield (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/273:
The A21 Ballygowan Road, Saintfield (Abandonment) Order (Northern
Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

14. Any Other Business

15. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 19th November 2014 at 10:00am in
the Park Avenue Hotel, Belfast.

12:36pm The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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