



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2014
LOUGH ERNE HOTEL, ENNISKILLEN

Present:

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Ross Hussey MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Stephen Moutray 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 Joe Byrne MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

09:01am The meeting commenced in open session

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 19th November 2014.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to the Committee for Education regarding School to School Transport: Entitlement Framework.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the outcome of the Water Bill policy consultation.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the outcome of the provision of Water Policy papers.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to the Committee for Employment and Learning regarding the Inquiry into Post Special Educational Need Provision in Education, Employment and Training for those with Learning Disabilities.

Agreed: The Committee noted holding correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the Coleraine Rail Track Inquiry and agreed to include this in the Inquiry report. Members also agreed to write to the Department to express the Committee's disappointment at the continuing lack of cooperation in providing papers in a timely manner.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from Belfast City Council regarding Committee queries on the Off-Street Parking Bill and agreed to include this in the Bill report.

Agreed: The Committee noted a Belfast Telegraph article by Translink regarding the Coleraine Rail Track Phase Two Project and agreed to include this in the Inquiry report.

Agreed: The Committee noted an invite from Belfast Harbour Commissioners for an event on Tuesday 16th December 2014.

Agreed: The Committee noted a copy of Minister Danny Kennedy's North/South Ministerial Council statement.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from Mid & East Antrim District Council regarding Committee queries on the Off-Street Parking Bill and agreed to include this in the Bill report.

Agreed: The Committee noted the North West Region Cross Border Group Newsletter for November 2014.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from North Antrim DUP constituency office regarding faulty street lighting and agreed to forward a copy to the Department for comment.

5. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Briefing: Off-Street Parking (Functions of District Councils) Bill

09:10am The following representatives joined the meeting

Kevin O'Gara – Director of Environment and Place, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council
Jonathan Glendinning – Assistant Director of Technical Services, Fermanagh District Council

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

09:45am Mr McAleer left the meeting

09:55am Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting

09:57am The representatives left the meeting

09:58am Departmental officials joined the meeting and clarified a number of issues that had been raised during the previous briefing.

10:12am The Departmental officials left the meeting.

6. Mid Ulster District Council Briefing: Off-Street Parking (Functions of District Councils) Bill

10:13am The following representatives joined the meeting

Anthony Tohill – Chief Executive, Mid Ulster District Council

Cllr Cáthal Mallaghan – Presiding Councillor, Mid Ulster District Council
Adrian McCreesh – Acting Chief Executive, Cookstown District Council
Cllr Kenny Reid – Deputy Chair, Mid Ulster District Council

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

10:17am *Mr Hussey left the meeting*

10:27am *Mr Hussey re-joined the meeting*

10:40am *The representatives left the meeting*

10:41am *The Committee adjourned*

10:52am *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 Ross Hussey MLA, Mr Stephen Moutray.

7. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Off-Street Parking (Functions of District Councils) Bill

10:52am *The following officials joined the meeting*

Terry Deehan – Acting Director of Corporate Services, DRD
Gerry Anketell MBE – Transport Legislation Branch, DRD
David Millar – Head of Lands, DRD

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

Mr Hussey declared an interest as an MLA for the West Tyrone constituency.

10:55am *Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting*

11:25am *Mr Lynch left the meeting*

11:35am *The officials left the meeting*

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it would not move the motion to extend the statutory period of 30 days in respect of the Off Street Car Parking (Functions of District Councils) Bill.

8. EU Matters

Members noted EU Matters November 2014 Update.

9. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The Roads (Speed Limit) (No 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

10. SR 2014/278: The Penalty Charges (Additional Contraventions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/278: The Penalty Charges (Additional Contraventions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

11. SR 2014/279: The Penalty Charges (Prescribed Devices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/279: The Penalty Charges (Prescribed Devices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

12. Any Other Business

13. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings

11:41am *The meeting was adjourned*

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Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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