



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 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 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:**

10:06am      *The meeting commenced in open session*

**1. Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**2. Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson thanked Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA for his contribution to the Committee and wished him all the best for his new role. The Chairperson also welcomed Mr Chris Lyttle MLA to the Committee.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to Mr McCarthy to thank him for his contribution to the Committee.

The Chairperson thanked Mrs Brenda Hale MLA for her contribution to the Committee and wished her all the best for her new role. The Chairperson also welcomed Mr Stephen Moutray MLA to the Committee.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to Mrs Hale to thank him for his contribution to the Committee.

The Chairperson gave Members an overview of the introductory meeting he held with Senior Departmental Officials, which took place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014.

The Chairperson gave Members an overview of the introductory meeting he held with representatives from Translink, which took place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

### **3. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

### **4. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from David McNarry MLA regarding Blue Badge Scheme.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding a Bicycle Strategy seminar on Thursday 16th October 2014.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to OFMdFM Committee regarding its Inquiry into Building a United Community.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee for Education queries on PfG project to promote walking or cycling to school.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted the IMTAC report 'Assessing the impact of the Accessible Transport Strategy on the provision of information about transport in Northern Ireland'.

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

*10:13am The following officials joined the meeting*

Terry Deehan – Director of Corporate Services, DRD  
Sean McConnell – DPE Parking Manager, DRD  
Garry McKenna – Head of Transport Legislation Branch, DRD  
Davy Millar – Transport Legislation Branch, DRD

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

*10:21am Mr Moutray joined the meeting*

*10:30am Mr Lyttle joined the meeting*

*10:31am Mr Moutray left the meeting*

*10:42am Mr McNarry joined the meeting*

*10:56am Mr Lynch left the meeting*

*10:58am Mr Hussey left the meeting*

*11:00am The officials left the meeting*

*11:00am The Committee moved into closed session*

*11:01am Mr Dallat left the meeting*

*11:06am Mr Hussey re-joined the meeting*

*11:10am Mr Lynch re-joined the meeting*

*11:14am Mr Dallat re-joined the meeting*

*11:17am Mr Easton joined the meeting*

*11:20am The Committee moved into open session*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a copy of responses that have issued to local councils in relation to issues raised through the consultation process.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed, by majority decision, to process the Committee Stage of the Bill within the period of 30 working days from the date of referral, whilst reserving the right to seek an extension, if required, under Standing Order 33 (4).

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to begin the Committee consultation process of the Bill immediately.

## **6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Strategic Drainage Infrastructure/Infraction Risk**

*11:21am The following officials joined the meeting*

Robert Crawford – Director of Water Policy Division and Shareholder Unit, DRD

Louise Green – Water Policy Division, DRD

Mark Stranaghan – Head of Regulatory Governance and Policy, Water Policy Division, DRD

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

*11:21am Mr McNarry left the meeting*

*11:21am Mr Hussey left the meeting*

*11:26am Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting*

*11:26am Mr Moutray re-joined the meeting*

*11:28am Mr McAleer left the meeting*

*11:30am Mr McNarry re-joined the meeting*

*11:46am Mr Byrne left the meeting*

*11:50am The officials left the meeting*

## **7. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Dungannon Integrated Transport Pilot Scheme**

*11:51am The following officials joined the meeting*

Sean Johnston – Programme Manager, Public Transport Reform, DRD

Michael Deery – Transport Projects, DRD

Neill Birch – Systra Consultants

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

*12:09pm Mr Moutray left the meeting*

*12:28pm The officials left the meeting*

#### **8. SR 2014/228: The Private Crossings (Signs and Barriers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014**

*Agreed:* That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/228: The Private Crossings (Signs and Barriers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

#### **9. SR 2014/229: The Level Crossing (McConaghy's) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014**

*Agreed:* That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/229: The Level Crossing (McConaghy's) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

#### **10. Any Other Business**

The Chairperson raised the issue of background noise and movement of furniture, which affects the acoustics in Room 21.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to raise this issue with Central Committee Office

#### **11. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

12:30pm      *The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Trevor Clarke MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
**15/10/14**