



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015**  
**BALLYCRAIGY PRIMARY SCHOOL, ANTRIM**

**Present:**

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

*09:51am The meeting commenced in open session*

*09:51am The Committee was inquorate*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

## **2. Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson gave Members an overview of the meeting he held with the Consumer Council which took place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

## **3. Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy: Draft Committee Report**

*09:52am The Committee went into closed session to discuss a draft version of the Committee report.*

*10:02am Mr Lynch left the meeting*

*10:02am The Committee adjourned*

*10:03am The recommenced in closed session*

*10:03am Mr Lynch re-joined the meeting*

*10:13am The meeting recommenced in open session*

*10:14am Mr Lyttle joined the meeting*

*10:14am The Committee was once again quorate*

## **4. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

*10:15am Mr Moutray joined the meeting*

## **5. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to residents in Omagh regarding street lighting.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Translink fare increases.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on FOI Exemption on Draft Budget 2015/16 papers.

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*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Mr Alex McCullagh regarding Translink fare increases and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Coleraine to Londonderry Rail Track and agreed to include in Inquiry Folder.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted further correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Coleraine to Londonderry Rail Track and agreed to include in Inquiry Folder.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Lagan pedestrian and cycle bridge.

## **6. Sustrans Briefing: Active School Travel Programme**

*10:16am The following representatives joined the meeting*

Gordon Clarke – Director for Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland, Sustrans  
Stephen Patterson – Deputy Director, Sustrans  
Beth Harding – Active Travel Co-ordinator, Sustrans

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

*10:38am Mr Hussey left the meeting*

*10:39am The officials left the meeting*

## **7. Cross-Departmental Briefing: Active School Travel Programme**

*10:40am The following officials joined the meeting*

Andrew Grieve – Head of Cycling Unit, DRD  
Caroline Bloomfield – Public Health Agency  
Andrew McMullan – Department of Education  
Lynda Hurley – Department of the Environment

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

*10:43am Mr Hussey re-joined the meeting*

*11:00am The officials left the meeting*

## **8. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure**

*Members noted:*

- The Taxis (Antrim) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

## **9. SL1: The Rathdown Walk, Lisburn (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

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

## **10. Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy: Draft Committee Report**

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content with the section entitled "Powers and Membership".

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content with paragraphs 1-5 inclusive.

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content with paragraph 6 as amended.

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content with paragraphs 7-39 inclusive.

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content with paragraph 40 as amended.

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content with paragraphs 41-45 inclusive.

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content with paragraphs 46 as amended.

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content with paragraphs 47-59 inclusive.

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content with paragraphs 60 as amended.

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content with paragraphs 61-74 inclusive.

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content with paragraphs 75 as amended.

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content with paragraphs 76-93 inclusive.

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content to include an extract of today's Minutes in the Bill Report.

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content that the Report, along with the associated Minutes of Proceedings and Appendices, are ordered to print.

*Agreed:* That the Committee is content to forward a manuscript copy of the report to the Minister.

## **11. Any Other Business**

The Chairperson informed Members that the Committee will join Belfast Public Hire Taxis on a tour of Belfast taxi ranks on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015. The Committee will also hold a stakeholder event and oral evidence session on 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January 2015 as part of its Inquiry into the Coleraine to Londonderry Rail Track Phase Two Project.

Mr Moutray raised the issue of the recent heavy snowfall and gritting of roads.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask for further information regarding the protocol for gritting roads and if vehicles from other areas can be deployed to the worst effected areas.

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

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 10:00am in the City Hotel, Londonderry.

*11:08am The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Trevor Clarke MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
**28/01/15**