



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015  
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

**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:**

*10:07am The meeting commenced in closed session*

*10:07am The Deputy Chairperson assumed the role of Chairperson*

**1. Legal Advice**

The Committee received legal advice in relation to the application of Section 44 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

*10:18am Mr Clarke joined the meeting and assumed the role of Chairperson*

*10:18am The meeting moved into open session*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to advise that the Committee has considered legal advice in relation to Section 44 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and is prepared to utilise these powers unless the Project Assessment Review Report is forwarded to the Committee Clerk by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

## **2. Apologies**

No apologies were received.

## **3. Chairperson's Business**

## **4. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

## **5. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Minister Danny Kennedy regarding the Utility Regulator Review into NI Water during the period of Industrial Action.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance & Personnel regarding Spring Supplementary Estimates 2014-15.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Culture, Arts & Leisure to Minister Danny Kennedy regarding defibrillator provision.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the OFMdFM Committee regarding the Joint Ministerial Council (Europe) – December 2014 meeting.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the OFMdFM Committee regarding the Committee Stage of The Children's Services Co-operation Bill.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the road traffic fatality on Malone Road, Belfast.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding pay settlement for NI Water.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted holding correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Rail Track Inquiry and agreed to include in Inquiry Folder.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Sustrans regarding Active School Travel Programme.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted a copy of IMTAC Report on surveys of Blue Badge use in Belfast City Centre undertaken in September and October 2014.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Chris Lyttle MLA requesting the Committee to call the Department for Regional Development, Translink and Consumer Council to provide briefings on Translink fare increases and agreed to receive these briefings.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to Brenda Hale MLA regarding weight restrictions in Hillsborough.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Mr Paschal James Lynch requesting to brief the Committee on York Street Interchange and agreed to invite Mr Lynch to brief the Committee at the meeting on 25th February 2015.

## **6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Safety Barrier Replacement Policy**

*10:21am The following officials joined the meeting*

Kevin Monaghan – Eastern Divisional Manager, Transport NI  
Stephen Bradshaw – PPTO Civil Engineer, Transport NI  
Carole Sheldon – PPTO Civil Engineer, Transport NI

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

*10:40am Mr Dallat left the meeting*

*11:17am Mr Clarke left the meeting*

*11:17am The Deputy Chairperson assumed the role of Chairperson*

*11:20am Mr Clarke re-joined the meeting and re-assumed the role of Chairperson*

*11:22am Mr Lynch left the meeting*

11:27am Mr Lynch re-joined the meeting

11:54am Mr McAleer left the meeting

11:59am Mr Moutray left the meeting

11:59am Mr McNarry left the meeting

11:59am Mr Hussey left the meeting

12:05pm The officials left the meeting

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a copy of the previous inspection report carried out on the safety barrier at Malone Road/Sans Souci Park.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request details of the number and type of repairs that had been carried out on this barrier in the previous five years.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request that a traffic speed survey be carried out at this location on the Malone Road.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request further information on recent accidents at Gortnaghey Road, Dungiven.

## **7. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Emergency Planning and Governance Arrangements**

12:06pm The following officials joined the meeting

David Crabbe – Head of Central Management Branch, DRD

Jackie Gregg – Emergency Planning Officer, DRD

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

12:12pm Mr McNarry re-joined the meeting

12:13pm Mr Byrne left the meeting

12:14pm Mr Moutray re-joined the meeting

12:25pm Mr Moutray left the meeting

12:41pm      *The officials left the meeting*

*Agreed:*      The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask why a vulnerable people list was never received by the Red Cross during the Water Crisis in West Tyrone.

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

*Members noted:*

- The Road Races (Croft Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- The Waiting Restrictions (Castleberg) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

## **9. SR 2015/22: The Donaghadee Harbour (Transfer of Harbour Undertaking) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

*Agreed:*      That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2015/22: The Donaghadee Harbour (Transfer of Harbour Undertaking) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and has no objection to the rule.

## **10. SR 2015/30: The Rathdown Walk, Lisburn (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

*Agreed:*      That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2015/30: The Rathdown Walk, Lisburn (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and has no objection to the rule.

## **11. Any Other Business**

Mr David McNarry raised the issue of a memorial plaque being placed at Malone Road/Sans Souci Park for Enda Dolan.

*Agreed:*      The Committee agreed to forward correspondence in relation to this to the Department.

The Chairperson raised the issue of Ministerial photo calls in Members' constituencies.

*Agreed:*      The Committee agreed to commission research on this issue.

The Chairperson informed Members that the Committee will join Belfast Public Hire Taxis on a tour of Belfast taxi ranks on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**12. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 10:00am in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

12:51pm      *The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Séan Lynch MLA**  
**Deputy Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
**25/02/15**