



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2015
SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present:

Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Alex Easton 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 Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Joe Byrne MLA
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA

10:26am The meeting commenced in open session

10:26am The Committee was inquorate

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Northern Ireland Water Briefing: Role of NI Water Board

10:30am *The following officials joined the meeting*

Sean Hogan – Chairman, NI Water

Sara Venning – Chief Executive, NI Water

Ronan Larkin – Director of Finance and Regulation, NI Water

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

10:38am *Mr Easton joined the meeting*

10:38am *The Committee was once again quorate*

11:03am *Mr Moutray joined the meeting*

11:03am *Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting*

11:11am *Mr Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting*

11:21am *Mr McNarry left the meeting*

11:27am *Mr McNarry re-joined the meeting*

11:30am *Mr Lyttle left the meeting*

11:30am *Mr Easton left the meeting*

11:30am *The Committee was inquorate*

11:30am *The officials left the meeting*

3. Mr Paschal James Lynch Briefing: Improvement Proposals for York Street Interchange

11:31am *The following representative joined the meeting*

Paschal Lynch – Civil Engineer

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

11:34am *Mr Lyttle re-joined the meeting*

11:34am *The Committee was once again quorate*

11:35am Mr Easton re-joined the meeting

11:58am Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting

11:59am The representative left the meeting

4. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 18th February 2015.

5. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Long Term Water Strategy.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from QPANI regarding concerns over 2015/16 Budget and agreed that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson meet with QPANI on behalf of the Committee.

Agreed: The Committee noted an invite from North West Healthy Living to launch of Tulacorr Allotment site and Members agreed to contact Committee staff if they wished to attend.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee to the Department for Regional Development regarding release of Project Assessment Review Report.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the OFMdFM Committee regarding European Commission Work Programme 2015.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding procurement strategy adopted by Transport NI.

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

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

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding appointment of councillors to boards of Trust Ports.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding appointment of non-executive members to NI Water.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the Project Assessment Review report and agreed to issue one further request to the Department for the Report. The Committee also agreed to issue a press statement in relation to this.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding a briefing on Translink fare increases.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure regarding defibrillator provision.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from a North Belfast community group to Minister Danny Kennedy regarding York Street Interchange and agreed to forward this to the Department and request a copy of the response.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence relating to the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland – Investing Activity Report for February 2015.

12:03pm The Committee adjourned

12:10pm The meeting recommenced in open session

The following Members were present: Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson), Mr Alex Easton MLA, Mr Chris Lyttle MLA, Mr David McNarry MLA, Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: York Street Interchange

12:10pm The following officials joined the meeting

Roy Spiers – Strategic Road Improvement Manager, Transport NI
Colin Pentland – SPTO Civil Engineer, Transport NI

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

12:59pm The officials left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a detailed cost report on the proposed project.

7. Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill

The Deputy Chairperson informed Members that the Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill was now in Committee Stage.

8. EU Matters

Members noted EU Matters February 2015 Update.

9. SL1: The A54 Ballymacombs Road, Portglenone (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

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

10. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The Road Races (Craigantlet Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- The Road Races (North West 200) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- The Road Races (Drumhorc Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- The Road Races (Cookstown 100) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- The Road Races (Tandragee 100) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

11. Any Other Business

Mr Ó hOisín raised the possibility of visiting Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners to arrange a visit.

12. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 4th March 2015 at 10:00am in the Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

1:02pm *The meeting was adjourned*

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Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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