



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015**  
**ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**Present:**

Mr Joe Byrne MLA  
Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

**In attendance:**

Mr Trevor Allen (Senior Assistant Clerk)  
Mr Gavin Ervine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Christine Dodson (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Barry McLernon (Clerical Officer)

**Apologies:**

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Ross Hussey MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Mr Stephen Moutray MLA

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

*As the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson were not present, Members agreed that Mr Ó hOisín should assume the role of Chairperson.*

*10:08am The Committee moved into closed session*

*10:09am The Committee moved into open session*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

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

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to revise the meeting agenda to take account of the possibility that quorum will be lost.

## **3. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015.

## **4. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Public Prosecution Service regarding information relating to the Section 44 process.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding Report on Sickness Absence in the Northern Ireland Public Sector.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Malone Road safety barrier.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Community Transport Partnerships regarding Committee queries on monthly returns.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Mr Bannon regarding Door 2 Door service and agreed to forward this to the Department for comment. Members also agreed to write to Disability Action for further information on the service they provide.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding a meeting with the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the Lagan Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the appointment of the new NITHCO Chairperson.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted a copy of the report – Attitudes of Disabled and Older People to Public Transport, November 2014 – January 2015.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted further correspondence from Community Transport regarding rural proofing and agreed to forward relevant information to Community Transport when it is received from the Department.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence the Public Accounts Committee regarding concerns from a member of the public on Ulsterbus routes and agreed to forward this to the Department for comment.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted a Copy of Sustrans Active School Travel Newsletter – Spring 215.

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

*Members noted:*

- The Off-Street Parking (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- The Parking Places on Roads and Waiting Restrictions (Newry) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Fivemiletown) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- The Taxis (Lisburn) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- The Loading Bays on Roads (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

## **6. SL1: The Ballinderry Road/Glenavy Road, Lisburn (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

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

## **7. Department for Regional Development Briefing: eCar Project Update**

*10:14am The following officials joined the meeting*

Irene Breen – eCar Project Team Manager, DRD

David Strain – Public Transport Reform, DRD

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

10:26am      *Mr McNarry left the meeting*

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10:40am      *The officials left the meeting*

## **8. Department for Regional Development Briefing: York Street Interchange Update**

10:41am      *The following officials joined the meeting*

Dr Andrew Murray – Chief Executive, Transport NI

Roy Spiers – Strategic Road Improvement Manager, Transport NI

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

11:00am      *The officials left the meeting*

## **9. EU Matters**

Members noted EU Matters April 2015 Update.

## **10. Any Other Business**

Mr Dallat raised the issue of the lack of a safety barrier on the Sea Coast Road, Limavady.

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

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

11:02am      *The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Trevor Clarke MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
**13/05/15**