



# Northern Ireland Assembly

## COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Thursday 15 October 2015**  
**Room 29, Parliament Buildings**

- Present: Mr Alex Maskey MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Jim Allister MLA  
Mr Roy Beggs MLA  
Ms Paula Bradley MLA  
Mr Gregory Campbell MLA  
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA  
Mr Sammy Douglas MLA  
Mr Phil Flanagan MLA  
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA  
Mr Adrian McQuillan MLA
- In Attendance: Dr Kevin Pelan (Assembly Clerk)  
Mrs Ashleigh Mitford (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Stewart Kennedy (Clerical Supervisor)  
Ms Alicia Muldoon (Clerical Officer)
- Apologies: Mr Fra McCann MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

The meeting commenced in open session at 10.02 a.m.

*Dolores Kelly left the meeting at 10.03 a.m.*

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were noted as above.

## **2. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The draft minutes of the meeting held on 08 October 2015 were agreed.

## **3. Matters Arising**

*Adrian McQuillan joined the meeting at 10.06 a.m.*

Members noted that there is pressure on member attendance at the Committee meeting scheduled for 22 October 2015 at the Tullyglass House Hotel, Ballymena.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed in order to achieve a quorum, that the meeting should be held in Parliament Buildings at 9.30 a.m.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to send a letter of apology to Supporting Communities NI as it is now not in a position to attend its conference on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at the same venue.

## **4. Departmental Briefing on status of Ministerial Decisions**

The following Departmental Officials joined the meeting at 10.07 a.m.

- Mr Andrew Hamilton, Temporary Permanent Secretary, DSD
- Mr Ian Snowden, Acting Deputy Secretary of Resources and Social Policy Group (RSPG), DSD

*Paula Bradley joined the meeting at 10.09 a.m.*

*Dolores Kelly joined the meeting at 10.10 a.m.*

*Phil Flanagan joined the meeting at 10.13 a.m.*

The Departmental Officials briefed the Committee and this was followed by questions from members.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to seek further information in relation to a kitchen replacement scheme that has been put on hold in in the Ballycolman Estate, Strabane.

*Stewart Dixon left the meeting at 10.14 a.m.*

The Officials left the meeting at 10.18 a.m.

## **5. Housing (Amendment) Bill Evidence Session – Information Commissioner’s Office**

The following representatives joined the meeting at 10.19 a.m.

- Dr Ken MacDonald, Assistant Information Commissioner, Information Commissioner’s Office.
- Ms Shauna Dunlop, NI Group Manager, Information Commissioner’s Office.

The representatives briefed the Committee and this was followed by questions from members.

The representatives left the meeting at 10.50 a.m.

#### **6. Housing (Amendment) Bill Evidence Session - Chartered Institute of Housing NI**

The following representatives joined the meeting at 10.51 a.m.

- Ms Nicola McCrudden, Director, Chartered Institute of Housing
- Mr Justin Cartwright, Policy and Public Affairs Officer, Chartered Institute of Housing

The representatives briefed the Committee and this was followed by questions from members.

The representatives left the meeting at 11.13 a.m.

#### **7. Housing (Amendment) Bill Evidence Session – NILGA and Councils**

The following Officials joined the meeting at 11.14 a.m.

- Ms Karen Smyth, Head of Policy, Northern Ireland Local Government Association
- Alderman Arnold Hatch, Office Bearer, Northern Ireland Local Government Association
- Mr Stephen Leonard, Environmental Protection Manager, Belfast City Council
- Mr Colin Duff, Head of Service Building Control, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council

The Officials briefed the Committee and this was followed by questions from members.

*Jim Allister left the meeting at 11.39 a.m.*

The Officials left the meeting at 11.43 a.m.

#### **8. Briefing on proposed Private Members Bill on licensing of stadia**

The following witnesses joined the meeting at 11.44 a.m.

- Mrs Judith Cochrane MLA
- Mr Matthew McKibbin, Alliance Party Support

*Judith Cochrane declared an interest as a rugby season ticket holder.*

Judith Cochrane briefed the Committee and this was followed by questions from members.

*Phil Flanagan left the meeting at 12.02 p.m.*

*Sammy Douglas declared an interest.*

*Gregory Campbell left the meeting at 12.14 p.m.*

The witnesses left the meeting at 12.16 p.m.

## **9. Correspondence**

The Committee noted a report entitled '*Inspection of NIHE on the Implementation of Response Maintenance Recommendations*'

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to request a briefing on the report in the New Year.

The Committee noted a correspondence memo.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to action all correspondence as outlined on the correspondence memo.

## **10. Forward Work Programme**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed its Forward Work Programme as amended noting the possibility that some briefings may have to be deferred to the New Year to ensure the legislative programme is completed on time.

## **11. AOB**

No items were raised.

## **12. Date, time and place of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee for Social Development will take place on 22 October 2015 at 9.30a.m. in room 29, Parliament Buildings, Belfast.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12.22 p.m.

**Alex Maskey**

**Chairperson, Committee for Social Development**

**22 October 2015**