



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2014
ROOM 115, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mrs Brenda Hale MLA
Mr Ross Hussey MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA

In attendance:

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)
Mr Gavin Ervine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Tara McClafferty (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Michael Donaghy (Clerical Officer)

Apologies:

Mr Joe Byrne MLA

10:08am *The meeting commenced in open session*

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson gave Members an overview of the meeting he and the Deputy Chairperson held with the Minister, which took place on Tuesday 10th June 2014.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 4th June 2014.

10:13am *Mr McAleer joined the meeting*

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding A5 update and road closures and diversions and agreed to request a briefing on this matter.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding appointment of Chair to the Belfast Harbour Commissioners.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the A5 Project.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on road closures and diversions.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding post project evaluations.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the Permanent Secretary post.

Agreed: The Committee noted a Northern Ireland Assembly Research Paper on the Transfer of Functions: Off-Street Parking.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from JA McClelland & Sons regarding NI Water and the acquisition of wayleaves for pipelines and agreed to forward a copy to the Department for comment.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from Sustrans regarding Committee queries on presentation and agreed to include this in the Inquiry Report.

10:15am *Mr Hussey joined the meeting*

10:17am *Mr Easton joined the meeting*

5. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The Motor Hackney Carriages (Newcastle) Bye-Laws (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Motor Hackney Carriages (Newry) Bye-Laws (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

6. SL1: The Bus and Coach Passengers Rights and Obligations (Designation of Terminals, Tour Operators and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

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

7. Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment Briefing: Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy

10:19am *The following officials joined the meeting*

Kathryn Thomson – Chief Operating Officer, Northern Ireland Tourist Board

Aine Kearney – Director of Product Development, Northern Ireland Tourist Board

Susie McCullough – Director of Business Support and Events, Northern Ireland Tourist Board

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

10:56am *Mr Dallat left the meeting*

11:03am *The officials left the meeting*

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department for Enterprise, Trade and Investment to request a copy of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board's Events Strategy.

8. Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety Briefing: Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy

11:04am The following officials joined the meeting

Dr Michael McBride – Chief Medical Officer for Northern Ireland, DHSSPS

Mary Black – Assistant Director, Public Health Agency

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

Mr Easton declared an interest as Private Secretary to the Minister for Health, Social Service and Public Safety

11:04am Mr McNarry left the meeting

11:11am Mr McNarry re-joined the meeting

11:18am Mr Dallat re-joined the meeting

11:27am Mrs Hale joined the meeting

11:29am Mr Easton left the meeting

11:38am Mr Easton re-joined the meeting

11:40am Mr Hussey left the meeting

11:42am Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting

11:47am Mr McCarthy left the meeting

11:52am Mr McAleer left the meeting

11:57am Mr McCarthy re-joined the meeting

11:59am The officials left the meeting

9. Department of the Environment Briefing: Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy

12:00pm The following officials joined the meeting

Iain Greenway – Director of Road Safety and Vehicle Regulation, DOE

Angus Kerr – Director of Planning Policy, DOE
Wesley Shannon – Director of Environmental Policy, DOE
Bob Bleakley – Assistant Director for Regional Operations, DOE

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

12:11pm Mr Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting

12:18pm Mr Lynch left the meeting

12:20pm Mr Dallat left the meeting

12:28pm Mr Lynch re-joined the meeting

12:32pm The officials left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department of the Environment to request further information on funding provided to Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland.

12:33pm The Committee adjourned

1:16pm The recommenced in open session

The following Members were present: Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson), Mrs Brenda Hale MLA, Mr Declan McAleer MLA, Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA

1:16pm The Committee was inquorate

10. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy

1:16pm The following officials joined the meeting

Tom Reid – Director of Transport Policy, Strategy and Legislation, DRD
Andrew Grieve – Head of Cycling Unit, DRD
John Irvine – Transport NI, DRD

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

2:06pm The officials left the meeting

11. Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure Briefing: Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy

2:07pm *The following official joined the meeting*

Sinead McCartan – Head of Sports Branch, DCAL

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

2:25pm *The official left the meeting*

2:26pm *Mr Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting*

2:26pm *The Committee was once again quorate*

12. Any Other Business

13. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Thursday 18th June 2014 at 9:00am in Belfast Harbour Commissioners Office, Belfast.

2:28pm *The meeting was adjourned*

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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