



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 25TH JUNE 2014
ROE PARK RESORT, LIMA VADY

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Ross Hussey MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

In attendance:

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

Apologies:

Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Joe Byrne MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mrs Brenda Hale MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA

11:37am The meeting commenced in open session

11:37am The Committee was inquorate

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Railway Investment Prioritisation Strategy

11:38am The following official joined the meeting

Tom Reid – Director of Transport Policy, Strategy and Legislation, DRD

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

12:19pm The official left the meeting

12:19pm The Committee adjourned

3:32pm The meeting recommenced in open session

The following Members were present: Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson), Mr John Dallat MLA, Mr Ross Hussey MLA, Mr Declan McAleer MLA, Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA.

3. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson raised the issue of FOI requests received during summer recess.

Agreed: That the Committee would delegate authority to the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson to submit views on releasing or withholding information in any non-routine/contentious FOI requests.

4. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 18th June 2014.

5. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding experimental tidal urban clearway arrangement.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to Mr George Hewitt regarding Belfast Rapid Transit procurement of buses.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding the Committee's Inquiry into Unadopted Roads.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Committee Clerk regarding progress against recommendations on Unadopted Roads and Sewers.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment to the Department for Regional Development regarding Green Investment Bank.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding a delay in answering Committee queries on Off Street Parking (Functions of Councils) Bill.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Charge Point Data for eCar.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to JA McClelland & Sons (Aucts) Ltd regarding NI Water Acquisition of Wayleaves for Pipelines.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on its Cycling Inquiry presentation and agreed to include this in the Inquiry Report.
- 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 CTC regarding Committee queries on its Cycling Inquiry presentation and agreed to include this in the Inquiry Report.

6. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The Road Races (Ulster Grand Prix Bike Week) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Road Races (Ulster Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

7. Any Other Business

None

8. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 2nd July 2014 at 10:00am in Room 115, Parliament Buildings

3:38pm *The meeting was adjourned*

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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