



**Northern Ireland  
Assembly**

**COMMITTEE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2016**

**SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

- Present: Mr William Humphrey (Chairperson)
- Mr George Robinson MLA (Deputy-Chairperson)  
Mrs Kellie Armstrong MLA  
Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Mr Paul Girvan MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Mr Eamonn McCann MLA  
Mr Fra McCann MLA  
Mr Daniel McCrossan MLA  
Mrs Jenny Palmer MLA
- In Attendance: Mrs Cathie White (Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Vincent Gribbin (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Johnny Lawless (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mrs Sharon Young (Clerical Officer)  
Mr Daniel Lowe (Legislative Studies and Practice Student)
- Apologies: Mr Justin McNulty MLA

*10:08 am The meeting opened in public session.*

**1. Apologies**

Apologies are detailed above.

## **2. Chairpersons Business**

- The Committee discussed the Road Safety Event which it organised in the Long Gallery, Parliament Buildings on Wednesday 23 November 2016.

*10:11 am Mr Fra McCann joined the meeting.*

- The Committee discussed the Road Safety Awards at Cultra Manor on Friday, 25th November 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to invite representatives from the 4 schools that won awards to the Assembly to acknowledge their achievement.

- The Chairperson informed the Committee that he and Mrs Palmer MLA met with Flood Re on 29 November 2016.

- The Committee discussed the sending of Christmas cards by the Committee.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to issue electronic Christmas cards.

- The Committee noted a draft Press Release for the Committee meeting and visit to Belfast City Council on Wednesday 7 December 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to issue the press release on the day of the visit.

## **3. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2016.**

*Agreed:* The minutes of the meeting on 16 November 2016 were agreed.

## **4. Matters Arising**

None.

## **5. Correspondence**

- Correspondence from the Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs regarding Planning Applications by Young Farmers.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Departmental correspondence regarding the consultation on incentivising cleaner fuel technologies.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Ministerial correspondence regarding the planning application for a mixed use development on lands East of Crescent Link, Derry.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from the Committee for the Executive Office regarding the European Commission Work Programme.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from the Committee for Finance regarding the Department of Finance Supply Division.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from the Rural Community Network requesting to meet with the Committee to discuss the 'Re-Thinking NIMBYism' Project.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to schedule an informal meeting.

- A response from Mr Paul Savage regarding Translink.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the response and to forward it to the Department for information.

- Departmental response to an Assembly Research and Information Service Paper on the Executive Draft Budget 2017-2018.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward the response to the Committee for Finance for information.

- Departmental response regarding Blue Badges for people with life-long mobility issues.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the response.

- Departmental response regarding an update on the Minister's recent visit to China.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the response.

- Correspondence from the Committee for Justice regarding the review of the need for stalking legislation in Northern Ireland.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Fresh Water Taskforce requesting to brief the Committee on the potential of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems using natural processes.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing in the forward work programme.

*10:20 am Mr Daniel McCrossan joined the meeting.*

## **6. Subordinate Legislation – SL1 - Not Subject to Assembly Proceedings**

- The Committee considered the following SL1 which are not subject to any Assembly proceedings:
  - SL1 – The Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) (2010 Act) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it is content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

*10:21 am Mr Daniel McCrossan left the meeting.*

*10:21 am Mr Declan McAleer left the meeting.*

## **7. SL1 – The Motor Vehicle (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

- The Committee considered SL1 - The Motor Vehicle (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

## **8. SL1 – The Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management & Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

- The Committee considered SL1 - The Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management & Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

*10:22 am Mr Daniel McCrossan re-joined the meeting.*

## **9. Northern Ireland Water - Winter Maintenance Programme**

*10:22 am The representatives joined the meeting.*

The Committee was briefed by Ms Sara Venning, Chief Executive and Mr Sean McAleese, Director of Customer Services.

*10:30 am Mr Declan McAleer re-joined the meeting.*

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

*10:49 am Mr Eamonn McCann joined the meeting.*

*11:10 am The representatives left the meeting.*

## **10. Departmental Evidence Session – Flood Emergency Preparedness and the Review of Flood Alleviation**

*11:11 am Ms Kellie Armstrong joined the meeting.*

*11:11 am The Departmental officials joined the meeting.*

*11:14 am Mr Alan Strong MBE joined the meeting.*

The Committee was briefed by Mr David Porter, Director of Rivers Agency and Mr Alan Strong MBE, Chairperson, Northern Ireland Drainage Council.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

*11:53 am The Chairperson left the meeting.*

*11:53 am Mr George Robinson took the Chair.*

*11:59 am Mr William Humphrey re-took the Chair.*

*Agreed:* The official agreed to provide details of what commitments have been given for the Dromara area.

*12:32 pm The Departmental official and Mr Strong MBE left the meeting.*

## **11. Northern Ireland Independent Retailers Association - Programme for Government**

*12:33 pm The representative joined the meeting.*

The Committee was briefed by Mr Glyn Roberts, Chief Executive.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

*12:54 pm The Chairperson left the meeting.*

*12:54 pm Mr George Robinson took the Chair.*

*12:58 pm Mr Daniel McCrossan left the meeting.*

*12:59 pm Mrs Jenny Palmer left the meeting.*

*1:18 pm The representative left the meeting.*

## **12. Draft Forward Work Programme**

The Committee considered the draft Forward Work Programme to December 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to schedule briefings by the Minister and Mr Alan Strong MBE to discuss the Review of Flood Alleviation when available.

## **13. Any Other Business**

None.

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

The Committee noted that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday, 7 December 2016 at 10:00 am in Belfast City Hall.

*1:19 pm The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.*

**Mr William Humphrey MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure**

**7 December 2016**