

DRAFT
NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2015
IN ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

MINUTES

The meeting began at 12.31pm.

Present:

The Speaker (Chairperson)
Mr S Dickson
Mr R McCartney
Mrs K McKeivitt
Lord Morrow
Ms C Ruane
Mr R Swann
Mr P Weir

In attendance:

Dr A McGarel	Clerk of Business
Ms N Dunwoody	Clerk Assistant
Mr R Ramsey	Adviser to the Speaker
Ms F Leneghan	PS/Speaker
Mr H Widdis	Director of Legal and Governance Services
Ms K Jardine	Assistant Assembly Clerk

Observers:

Junior Minister Bell
Junior Minister McCann
Mr A Rogers **OFMDFM**

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Mr Gerry Kelly, Mrs Sandra Overend, and Mr Pat Ramsey. The Speaker welcomed Mr Raymond McCartney as a Sinn Féin substitute.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21 April were **agreed**.

3. **Matters arising**

- 3.1 There were no matters arising.

4. **Finalisation of the Order Papers for the plenary meetings in week commencing 11 May 2015**

Public Petition

- 4.1 Members **noted** that the request to schedule the presentation of a public petition by Mr Mickey Brady on the 'Inclusion of Gullion/South Armagh in new Newry, Mourne and Down Council name' had been resubmitted.
- 4.2 Members **noted** advice from Legal and Governance Services which clarified that, while responsibility for the naming of councils has been deferred to councils by the Department of the Environment, the matter does remain within the legislative competence of the Assembly.
- 4.3 Members **agreed** to schedule the presentation of Mr Brady's public petition during plenary on Monday 11 May.

Executive Business

- 4.4 Members **noted** that, the motion from the Minister of Finance and Personnel on the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 (Disclosure of Patient Registration Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, originally scheduled for Monday 11 May, had been rescheduled for business on Monday 18 May; and that the text of the draft Energy (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 was now included on the Order Paper.
- 4.5 Members **noted** that there was no change to Executive Business on Tuesday 12 May.

Committee Business

- 4.6 Members **noted** that the motion from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister for accelerated passage for the Ombudsman and Commissioner for Complaints (Amendment) Bill, and the Second Stage of the Bill, were now confirmed for Monday 11 May.
- 4.7 Members **noted** that there was no change to other Committee Business scheduled for Monday 11 May and that there was no change to Committee Business on Tuesday 12 May.

Private Members' Business

- 4.8 Members **noted** that there was still no Private Members' Business scheduled for Monday 11 May.
- 4.9 Members **noted** that the Adjournment topic for Tuesday 12 May had been changed to 'Suicide Prevention in Londonderry', tabled by Mr G Middleton to reflect changes previously agreed.
- 4.10 Junior Minister Bell advised that no further business was expected at this stage.
- 4.11 The draft Order Papers were **agreed**.

5. Provisional arrangements for the plenary meetings in week commencing 18 May 2015

Executive Business

- 5.1 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Monday 18 May:
- The Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 (Disclosure of Patient Registration Information) Regulations; and
 - Question Time to the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and to the Minister of Justice.
- 5.2 Members **noted** that the following Executive Business was scheduled for Tuesday 19 May:
- Question Time to the Minister for Regional Development and the Minister for Social Development.

Committee Business

- 5.3 Members **noted** that there were no requests for Committee business.

Private Members' Business

- 5.4 Members **agreed** to schedule two Private Members' Motions on Monday 18 May and two Private Members' motions on Tuesday 19 May.
- 5.5 Under the system of allocation, the selections lay with the UUP, DUP, Sinn Féin and the SDLP.

5.6 The following motions were selected for Monday 18 May:

- 'Funding Cuts to the Community and Voluntary Sector (Mr R Swann, Mr R Beggs and Mrs S Overend); and
- 'Psychoactive Substances' (Mr A Easton, Ms P Bradley)

5.7 The following motions were selected for Tuesday 19 May:

- 'Interactive Map-based Register of Defibrillators' (Mr O McMullan, Ms R McCorley and Mr C Ó hOisín).

The SDLP agreed to notify the Clerk of its selection for Tuesday 19 May after the meeting.

5.8 Members **agreed** that up to 1 hour 30 minutes should be allocated for each motion, with the usual speaking times.

5.9 Members **agreed** to schedule an Adjournment Debate on Tuesday 19 May. Under the system of allocation the selection lay with Sinn Féin and the following topic was selected:

- 'The lack of age-appropriate respite provision in South Tyrone' (Ms B McGahan).

5.10 Junior Minister Bell advised that all Ministers were available to respond.

5.11 The provisional Order Papers were **agreed**.

6. **Any other business**

6.1 There was no other business

7. **Date and time of next meeting**

7.1 Members **agreed** to meet at approximately 12.30pm on Tuesday 12 May 2015 in Room 106.

The Chairperson brought the meeting to a close at 12.37pm

The Speaker
Chairperson