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# Committee for Communities

## Minutes of Proceedings

Tuesday 8 February 2022

**Meeting Location:** Room 30, Parliament Buildings, Belfast

**Present:** Ms Kellie Armstrong MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Andy Allen MBE MLA  
Ms Ciara Ferguson MLA  
Mr Paul Frew MLA

**Present by Video or Teleconference:**

Mr Stephen Dunne MLA  
Ms Áine Murphy MLA  
Ms Aisling Reilly MLA

**Apologies:** Ms Paula Bradley MLA

**In Attendance:** Dr Janice Thompson (Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Sean McCann (Assistant Clerk)  
Ms Rachel Ashe (Clerical Supervisor)

**In Attendance by Video or Teleconference:** Ms Antoinette Bowen (Clerical Officer)



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The Deputy Chairperson, Kellie Armstrong, assumed the Chair. The meeting began at 9.09 am in public session. The following Members were present at the start of the public session: Kellie Armstrong (Deputy Chair), Andy Allen, Ciara Ferguson, Aisling Reilly, Áine Murphy and Stephen Dunne.

### Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

### 1. Apologies

Ms Paula Bradley

### 2. Chairperson's Business

There was no Chairperson's Business.

### 3. Draft Minutes

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1 February 2022.

### 4. Departmental briefing on Support for Mortgage Interest etc. (Security for Loans) Bill

The Chairperson welcomed the following Departmental Officials to the meeting:

Una McConnell



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Hayley Ward

The Chairperson informed Members that this was a final opportunity to raise issues or ask for clarification before the Clause by Clause Consideration of the Support for Mortgage Interest etc. (Security for Loans) Bill later in the meeting.

The Officials briefed the Committee and participated in a question and answer session with Members.

**Clause 1: Security for Loans for Mortgage Interest**

No further queries were raised in relation to Clause 1.

**Clause 2: Commencement and Short Title**

No queries were raised in relation to Clause 2.

The Chairperson thanked the Officials for their attendance.

*The meeting went into closed session at 9.22 am to allow Members to discuss the Bill before the Clause by Clause stage.*

*The meeting went into public session at 9.25 am.*

**5. Clause by Clause Consideration of the Support for Mortgage Interest etc.  
(Security for Loans) Bill**

**Clause 1: Security for Loans for Mortgage Interest**

**Agreed:** The Committee was content with Clause 1 as drafted.

**Clause 2: Commencement and Short Title**

**Agreed:** The Committee was content with Clause 2 as drafted.

**Long Title**

**Agreed:** The Committee was content with the Long Title as drafted.



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## **6. Date, Time and Location of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10 February 2022 at 9.00 am in room 29, Parliament Buildings.

*The meeting was adjourned at 9.27 am.*

**Kellie Armstrong MLA**  
**Deputy Chairperson, Committee for Communities**