



COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURES

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday 14 October 2020
ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AND VIDEO-CONFERENCE

Present: Ms Linda Dillon MLA
Mr Gerry Carroll MLA

Video-Conference: Mrs Rosemary Barton MLA
Mr Maurice Bradley MLA
Ms Sinéad Bradley MLA
Ms Catherine Kelly MLA
Mr Gary Middleton MLA

In attendance: Nick Mitford (Committee Clerk)
Stewart Kennedy (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Assembly Official: Ms Emma Dellow-Perry (Research Officer)

Apologies: Mr Thomas Buchanan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John O'Dowd MLA

The meeting commenced in open session at 2.04pm.

Ms Emma Dellow-Perry joined the meeting at 2.04pm.

The Committee Clerk informed Members that he had received notification from the Deputy Chairperson that he had nominated Mr Gary Middleton MLA to vote on his behalf.

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30 September 2020.

3. Matters Arising

The chairperson informed Members that the Committee's motion to amend Standing Order 45A was agreed by the Assembly on 13 October 2020.

4. Legislative Consent Motions

The Committee noted a cover note from the Clerk and a paper from RaiSe on Legislative Consent Motions.

The Chairperson welcomed Emma Dellow-Perry to the meeting.

Ms Dellow-Perry briefed the Committee which was followed by a question and answer session.

Ms Dellow-Perry left the meeting at 2.26pm.

The Chairperson informed Members of the House of Commons' inquiry into the ways which procedures of the House of Commons engage with the territorial constitution.

Agreed: The Committee agreed for the Clerk to provide a draft response to the House of Commons' inquiry for consideration at a future meeting.

5. Correspondence

The Committee considered correspondence from the Audit Committee regarding hybrid proceedings.

Agreed: The Committee agreed for the Clerk to inform the Audit Committee that it has previously written to the Assembly's Chief Executive on this issue and that the Committee is currently not minded to amend Standing Orders at this stage.

The Committee noted the remaining items of correspondence.

6. Forward Work Programme

The Chairperson advised Members that the Committee is expecting responses on a number of issues which will be considered at the meeting on 4 November 2020. These include Proxy Voting, Members' Statements and Legislative Consent Motions

7. Chairperson's Business

There was no Chairperson's Business.

8. Any other Business

There was no other business.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting

Agreed: It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Wednesday 4 November at 2pm in Room 29.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2.31pm.

Linda Dillon MLA
Chairperson, Committee on Procedures
4 November 2020