



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013**  
**ROOM 21**

**Present:**

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Mr Ian McCrea MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA  
Mr Ross Hussey MLA

**In attendance:**

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)  
Mr Nathan McVeigh (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Tara McKee (Clerical Supervisor)  
Ms Alison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)

**Apologies:**

Mr Stewart Dickson MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

*10.35am      The meeting commenced in open session.*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

**2. Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson give an overview of the Committee's study visit to Holland.

10.41am      *Mr Lynch joined the meeting*

### **3. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:*      The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

### **4. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister for Regional Development regarding Unadopted Roads.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from the ETI Committee regarding the Financial Capability Strategy for Northern Ireland.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding EU proposal on alternative fuel infrastructure.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding unadopted roads and agreed to write to the Department asking what agreement has been made with NILGA to establish with local councils what roads are a problem and to ask for any records the Department has in relation to this issue.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding bus fire incident in Moneymore.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding taxis in bus lanes.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding audio visual information systems on new buses.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding queries in relation to the briefing on Accessible Transport Strategy.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from IMTAC regarding Accessible Transport Strategy.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from Alan Lennon, regarding a briefing from the Minister for Regional Development and agreed to forward to the Department for response.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from OFMdFM regarding Activity Report for DRD.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Value Cabs regarding taxis in bus lanes.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Connal Hughes, public regarding taxis in bus lanes.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from NI Greenways regarding Belfast cycle lanes and agreed to forward to DRD for comment.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Sustrans regarding an update in relation to the organisation.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Bob Pue, public regarding Belfast Rapid Transit and agreed to seek further clarification from the Department.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Translink regarding Scarva train station.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Regional Development regarding the contract for the provision of passenger transport services in Northern Ireland.

## **5. Translink Briefing: Passenger Charter Results**

*10.55am the following officials joined the meeting*

Ciaran Rogan, Translink  
 Norman Maynes, Translink  
 Anne Breen, Department for Regional Development

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

- 11.10am Mr McCrea joined the meeting*
- 11.22am Mr Hussey left the meeting*
- 11.23am Mr Easton rejoined the meeting*
- 11.24am Mr McNarry left the meeting*
- 11.29am The officials left the meeting*

## **6. Translink Briefing: Passenger Charter Results**

*11.30am the following officials joined the meeting*

Clive Bradberry, Translink

Brendan Harkin, Translink

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

*11.31am Mr Hussey left the meeting*

*11.34am Mr McNarry rejoined the meeting*

*11.46am Mr McAleer left the meeting*

*11.52am Mr McAleer rejoined the meeting*

*12.00pm Mr McAleer left the meeting*

*12.01pm Mr Hussey left the meeting*

*12.04pm The officials left the meeting*

## **7. Department of Regional Development Briefing: Business Plan 2013/2014**

*12.05pm the following officials joined the meeting*

Richard Pengelly, Permanent Secretary

Dr Andrew Murray, Chief Executive Roads Service

Barney McGahan, Regional Planning and Transportation Group

David Orr (CBE), Finance, Resources and Water Policy

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

*12.15pm Mr McCrea left the meeting*

*12.24pm Mr McCrea rejoined the meeting*

*12.27pm Mr Easton left the meeting*

*12.40pm Mr McNarry left the meeting*

*12.40pm The officials left the meeting*

## **8. Inquiry into Comprehensive Transport Delivery Structures**

The Chairperson advised Members that they have been provided with a list of those who submitted evidence to the Inquiry.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to invite the list of organisations to brief the Committee.

*12.44pm The meeting was suspended*

*12.45pm The meeting recommenced in public session*

## **9. Subordinate Legislation not subject to Assembly Procedure**

*Members noted:*

- The Road Races (North West 200) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Mourne Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Traffic Weight Restrictions (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Circuit of Ireland Easter Stages Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Craigantlet Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Spelga Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment No.3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Cookstown 100) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Tour of the Sperrins Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Road Races (Ulster Grand Prix Bike Week) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Waiting Restrictions (Londonderry) (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

## **10. SL1: The Disposal of Vehicles (Prescribed Period) Regulations Order (Northern Ireland) 2013**

*Agreed:* That the Committee for Regional Development is content with the merits of the policy proposal

## **11. Any Other Business**

## **12. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 10.30am in Room 21.

12.48pm      *The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
**10/04/13**