



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013**  
**BALMORAL SHOW, BALMORAL PARK**

**Present:**

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA  
Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Mr Ian McCrea MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

**In attendance:**

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)  
Mr Gavin Ervine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Tara McKee (Clerical Supervisor)  
Ms Alison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)  
Mr Brian Mahon (Bursary Student)

**Apologies:**

Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Ross Hussey MLA  
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA

*10:50am      The meeting commenced in open session.*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

**2. Chairperson's Business**

None.

### **3. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

### **4. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the OFMdFM Committee regarding high speed electronic communications networks and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Cyclists Tourist Club regarding the Active Travel Seminar on 19 June 2013.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding further information on Efficiency Delivery Programme and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

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

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Translink presentation on Bus Operations Focus.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Paula Glendinning regarding the temporary closure of the A2 road between Benone and Downhill and agreed to forward to the Department and request that this issue is dealt with as a matter of urgency.

### **5. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Mid Ulster Integrated Transport Pilot Scheme**

*10:53am The following officials joined the meeting*

Ciaran De Burca – Director of Transport Projects Division, DRD

Michael Deery – Regional Planning and Transportation Division, DRD

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

*Mr McCrea declared an interest as a member of Cookstown District Council and as an elected representative for the Mid Ulster Constituency.*

11:27am      *The officials left the meeting*

## **6. Ulster Farmers' Union Briefing: The A5 Road Project**

11:28am      *The following representatives joined the meeting*

Barclay Bell – Deputy President, Ulster Farmers' Union

Wesley Aston – Policy Director, Ulster Farmers' Union

Kate Cairns – Policy Officer, Ulster Farmers' Union

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

11:47am      *Mr Dickson left the meeting*

11:47am      *The Committee lost quorum*

12:00pm      *The representatives left the meeting*

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

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 at 10:30am in Room 21.

*As the Committee did not have quorum, all other items of business were deferred until the next meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013.*

12:01pm      *The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
**22/05/13**