



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013**

**CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL CIVIC & CONFERENCE CENTRE**

**Present:**

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA  
Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA

**In attendance:**

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)  
Mr Gavin Ervine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Tara McKee (Clerical Supervisor)

**Apologies:**

Mr Sean Lynch (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mrs Brenda Hale MLA  
Mr Ross Hussey MLA  
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

*10:30am      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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

### **4. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Mr Dickson declared an interest as an NI Assembly representative on The Congress of the Council of Europe.*

*Agreed:* The Committee noted an invitation from The Congress of the Council of Europe for the Chairperson to meet with members of the Council on Wednesday 6th November 2013 in London and agreed that a delegation from the Committee would attend this meeting.

### **5. Department for Regional Development and Translink Briefing: Lurgan Railway Station and Traffic Management Issues**

*10:36am The following officials joined the meeting*

Kevin Monaghan – Divisional Roads Manager, Southern Division, DRD  
Mal McGreevy – General Manager of Rail Services, Translink

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

*11:26am Mr McAleer left the meeting*

*11:31am The officials left the meeting*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to express the Committee's desire to see the Millennium Way Road Scheme brought to a conclusion and urge the Department to move forward as quickly as possible with the signalling survey on this rail line.

### **6. Translink Briefing: Delayed Start to Phase 2 of the Londonderry Rail Scheme**

*11:32am The following official joined the meeting*

Philip O'Neill – Chief Operating Officer, Translink

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

*11:35am Mr Easton left the meeting*

*11:36am Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting*

*11:49am Mr Easton re-joined the meeting*

*12:07pm The official left the meeting*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to issue a press release in relation to the procurement process for the Londonderry Rail Scheme.

## **7. Committee Motion for Inquiry into Comprehensive Transport Delivery Structures**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward the Committee Motion to the Business Committee.

## **8. Consideration of the Committee's draft End of Session Report 2012/13**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Membership and Overview sections of the Report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Primary Legislation and Subordinate Legislation sections of the Report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Inquiries section of the Report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Budget Scrutiny, Performance Scrutiny and Policy Scrutiny sections of the Report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Engagement section of the Report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Key Priorities for the Next Session section of the Report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed Annex A of the Report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the Report be published on the NI Assembly website.

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

*Members noted:*

- The Waiting Restrictions (Belmont Road, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

#### **10. SL1: The Shore Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013**

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

#### **11. Any Other Business**

Mr Dickson informed the Committee that this would be his last meeting and thanked the Chairperson for his hard work and leadership. The Chairperson thanked Mr Dickson for his contribution to the Committee and wished him all the best for his new role.

*Agreed:* The Committee would write to Mr Dickson to thank him for his contribution to the Committee.

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

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 at 10:00am in Room 21.

*12:11pm      The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
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