



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2013
ROOM 21

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Joe Byrne MLA
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Mr David McNarry 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)

Apologies:

Mrs Brenda Hale MLA

10:01am The meeting commenced in open session.

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Deputy Chairperson welcomed Mr Joe Byrne MLA to the Committee.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 2nd October 2013.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding further queries on the delay to phase 2 of the Coleraine/Londonderry Rail Project.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Post Project Evaluations.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding the Public Service Pensions Bill.

5. Ministerial Briefing: Road Races (Amendment) Bill

10:04am The Minister and the following officials joined the meeting

Danny Kennedy MLA – Minister for Regional Development
David Millar – Transport NI, DRD
Gerry Anketell MBE – Transport NI, DRD

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

Mr Spratt declared an interest as a motor racing fan

Mr Ó hOisín declared an interest as an MLA of the East Londonderry constituency

10:18am Mr Easton joined the meeting

10:23am Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting

10:27am Mr Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting

10:30am The Minister and officials left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to grant the Road Races (Amendment) Bill accelerated passage.

6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: PC15 – Social and Environmental Guidance for Water and Sewerage Services

10:31am The following officials joined the meeting

John Mills – Water Policy Division, DRD

Stuart Wightman – Head of Environment Team, Water Policy Division, DRD

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

11:07am Mr Dallat left the meeting

11:08am The officials left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask for further information on the methodology used in developing targets for priority CS13.

7. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Magherafelt) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

8. SL1: The Former A29 Cookstown Road, Dungannon (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

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

9. SL1: The M2/Trunk Road T7 Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

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

10. Any Other Business

Mr Ó hOisín raised the issue of the Department's policy of clamping cars that are illegally parked in bus lanes.

Mr McAleer raised the issue of the recent press release regarding the Committee's visit to Craigavon Borough Council.

Mr McNarry raised the issue of equal pay for those staff who moved from the Department for Regional Development to NI Water.

Agreed: That a research paper on this issue is circulated to Members.

11. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 16th October 2013 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

11:17am The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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