



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2013
ROOM 21

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Joe Byrne MLA
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mrs Brenda Hale 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:

Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Ross Hussey MLA

10:03am The meeting commenced in closed session.

The Chairperson gave Members an overview of the meeting the Clerk had with the Northern Ireland Audit Office on Friday 22nd November 2013.

10:07am The meeting recommenced in open session

10:08am Mrs Hale joined the meeting

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson put on record the Committee's condemnation of the events that took place in Londonderry on the evening of Wednesday 20th November, when a device was placed on a bus. The Chairperson praised the driver in dealing with the situation.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Chief Executive of Translink to pass on Members' regards to the driver in question and reiterate the Committee's support of the work carried out by Translink drivers and staff, often in very challenging circumstances.

The Chairperson gave Members an overview of the meeting he and the Deputy Chairperson had with the new Chief Executive of the Utility Regulator, Jenny Pyper, which took place before today's meeting.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 20th November 2013.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the Door 2 Door service and issues raised by Mr and Mrs Bannon.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence relating to the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland – Investing Activity Report for November 2013.

10:14am Mr McAleer joined the meeting

10:14am Mr McNarry joined the meeting

5. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Engagement with Voluntary and Community Groups

10:14am The following officials joined the meeting

Ciaran Doran – Director of Public Transport Services Division, DRD

Tony McConnell – Public Transport Services Division, DRD

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

10:53am Mrs Hale left the meeting

10:59am Mr Spratt left the meeting

10:59am Mr Lynch assumed the role of Chairperson

11:01am Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting

11:05am Mrs Hale re-joined the meeting

11:07am Mr McAleer left the meeting

10:16am The officials left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a breakdown of the number of vehicles serviced by Translink that are in Rural Partnership ownership and the associated costs with this maintenance, for the last two years.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request further detailed information regarding the threat posed by EU regulations on procurement of services.

6. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The Control of Traffic (Antrim) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The One-Way Traffic (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

7. SL1: The C334 Derryleckagh Road and B7 Bridge Road, Warrenpoint (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

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

8. SL1: The Trunk Road T7 (A26 Dualling – Glarryford to A44 Drones Road Junction) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 and the Private Accesses (A26 Dualling – Glarryford to A44 Drones Road Junction) (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

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

9. Any Other Business

Mr McNarry raised the issue of yesterday's debate on the Road Races (Amendment) Bill and queried the Committee's position if any amendments are tabled ahead of Consideration Stage.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to convene a meeting on Monday 2nd December 2013 to discuss any amendments to the Road Races (Amendment) Bill.

10. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 4th December 2013 at 10:30am in Loughry College, Cookstown.

11:27am The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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