



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2014
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Joe Byrne MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mrs Brenda Hale MLA
Mr Ross Hussey 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 Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA

10:04am The meeting commenced in open session

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson updated Members on the Committee's recent visit to Edinburgh, where meetings were held with Members of the Scottish Parliament, Board Members from Scottish Water and representatives of Edinburgh City Council.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 22nd January 2014.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety and the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment regarding the Terms of Reference for our Cycling Inquiry and agreed that the signposting advert will appear in the press week commencing 10th February 2014.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Employment and Learning regarding its Inquiry into Post Special Educational Needs Provision.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure regarding its Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding Departmental Savings Delivery Plans.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the Parking Places and Loading Bays on Roads (Glengall Street, Belfast) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland).

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the Committee for the Environment Inquiry into Wind Energy and agreed to forward to the Committee for the Environment.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the deadline to Committee queries in DALO 23/03/13.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Park and Ride facilities.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on road closures and diversions and agreed to write to the Department to request further information on these issues.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from OFMdfM regarding Committee queries on joint action plan between DRD and DARD on childcare issues.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Mr John Dallat MLA regarding Translink pensions and agreed to defer this matter to next week's meeting.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence relating to the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland – Investing Activity Report for January 2014.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the OFMdfM Committee regarding NI Executive Priorities 2013-14 – mid-year report.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding its Inquiry into Flexible Working in the Public Sector in Northern Ireland and agreed to forward to the Department to ask the extent to which flexible working practices are being applied, on any good practice cases, and on the number of employees who undertake all or part of their work from remote locations (i.e. away from the traditional office environment).
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for the Environment regarding the Terms of Reference for our Cycling Inquiry.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding interim arrangements following the resignation of the Chief Executive of Translink.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding a review of salting actions from 12/13 January 2014.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on archaeological claims settlements.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding a progress report on the Regional Development Strategy 2035.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on EU matters.

Agreed: The Committee noted a presentation from Scottish Water, which formed part of the Committee's study visit to Edinburgh.

5. Mr Pat Ramsey MLA Briefing: Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill

10:19am The following Member joined the meeting

Pat Ramsey MLA – Social Democratic and Labour Party

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

10:21am Mr McNarry joined the meeting

10:24am Mr McCarthy left the meeting

10:36am Mrs Hale joined the meeting

10:44am Mr McCarthy re-joined the meeting

10:49am Mr Hussey left the meeting

10:55am Mr McAleer left the meeting

10:58am Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting

10:58am Mr Hussey re-joined the meeting

11:02am Mr Spratt left the meeting

11:02am As the Deputy Chairperson was not present, Members agreed that Mr McAleer should assume the role of Chairperson.

11:03am Mr Spratt re-joined the meeting and re-assumed the role of Chairperson.

11:06am Mr Easton joined the meeting

11:07am The Member left the meeting

6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Cycling Unit

11:08am The following officials joined the meeting

Andrew Grieve – Head of Cycling Unit, DRD

Orla Campbell – Cycling Unit, DRD

Claire Mulvenna – Cycling Unit, DRD

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

11:15am Mr Byrne left the meeting

11:19am Mr Byrne re-joined the meeting

11:34am Mr Byrne left the meeting

11:41am Mr Hussey left the meeting

11:44am The officials left the meeting

7. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Portrush) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013
- The Waiting Restrictions (Carrickfergus) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Parking Places on Roads (Bridge Street, Lisburn) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Control of Traffic (Bridge Street, Lisburn) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Parking Places, Loading Bay and Waiting Restrictions (Newcastle) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Waiting Restrictions (Markethill) (Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

8. SL1: The Former Glenshane Road at Ranaghan Bridge, Magherafelt (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

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

11:46am Mr McNarry left the meeting

9. SL1: The M1 Trunk Road T3 and M1-M2 Link (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

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

10. SR 2013/290: The C334 Derrylekagh Road and B7 Bridge Road, Warrenpoint (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2013/290: The C334 Derrylekagh Road and B7 Bridge Road, Warrenpoint (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 and has no objection to the rule.

11:47am Mrs Hale left the meeting

11. SR 2014/6: The Disert Road, Draperstown (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/6: The Disert Road, Draperstown (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

12. SR 2014/8: The Green Road, Conlig (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/8: The Green Road, Conlig (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

11:49am Mrs Hale re-joined the meeting

13. Any Other Business

14. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

11:49am The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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