



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 2014
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)
Mr Gavin Ervine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Tara McClafferty (Clerical Supervisor)
Ms Alison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)

Apologies:

Mrs Brenda Hale MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

10:01am The meeting commenced in closed session

The Committee considered legal advice.

10:03am Mr Easton joined the meeting

10:17am Mr McAleer joined the meeting

10:25am The Committee recommenced in open session

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 5th March 2014.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Translink Pensions and agreed that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson would meet with representatives of those affected by this issue.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding a briefing on 'Belfast on the Move' project.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding Post Project Evaluations and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding a report into Measuring Wellbeing in Northern Ireland.

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

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Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development to the Department for Regional Development regarding Camlough Reservoir.

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- Agreed:* The Committee noted the IMTAC Report on Walking Routes in Derry/Londonderry City Centre.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Mary Bell regarding bus lanes in Belfast and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

5. Department for Regional Development and Translink Briefing: Business Plan 2014-15

10:34am The following officials joined the meeting

Richard Pengelly – Permanent Secretary, DRD
Barney McGahan – Deputy Secretary, Regional Planning and Transportation, DRD
Dr Andrew Murray – Chief Executive, Transport NI, DRD
John McGrath – Deputy Secretary, Finance, Resources and Water Policy, DRD

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

- 11:20am Mr McAleer left the meeting*
- 11:30am Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting*
- 11:33am Mr Lynch left the meeting*
- 11:34am Mr Easton left the meeting*
- 11:36am Mr Byrne left the meeting*
- 11:37am Mr McCarthy left the meeting*
- 11:37am The Committee was inquorate*
- 11:38am Mr Easton re-joined the meeting*
- 11:38am The Committee was once again quorate*
- 11:39am Mr McCarthy re-joined the meeting*
- 11:40am Mr Lynch re-joined the meeting*
- 11:51am Mr Byrne re-joined the meeting*

11:56am Mr McCarthy left the meeting

11:59am The officials left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a full list of schools participating in the Schools Active Travel Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a breakdown of the cost of car parking enforcement and a breakdown of income from car parking charges and fines.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a breakdown of car parking enforcement in Belfast and Enniskillen.

6. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The Road Races (Cairncastle Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Strabane) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

7. SL1: The Trewmount Close, Killyman, Dungannon (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

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

8. Any Other Business

9. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 19th March 2014 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

12:00pm The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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