



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015**  
**CITY HOTEL, LONDONDERRY**

**Present:**

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Joe Byrne MLA  
Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Mr Stephen Moutray MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

**In attendance:**

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)  
Mr Gavin Ervine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Christine Dodson (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Barry McLernon (Clerical Officer)

**Apologies:**

Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Mr Ross Hussey MLA  
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA

*10:05am      The meeting commenced in open session*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

**2. Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson thanked those people who took part in the Committee's engagement sessions, both on the train and at the stakeholder event on Tuesday 27th January 2015.

### **3. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

### **4. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee welcomed correspondence from Minister Danny Kennedy regarding the suspension of industrial action by NI Water staff. Members agreed to write to NI Water to invite its Chairperson to brief the Committee on the recent industrial action.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment regarding Terms of Reference for Inquiry into Growing the Economy and Creating Jobs with Lower Corporation Tax.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Coleraine to Londonderry Rail Track and agreed to include in Inquiry Folder.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding industrial action by NI Water staff.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted further correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the Draft Bicycle Strategy.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding 20mph pilot schemes.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Stakeholder events relating to the Lagan Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge and Members agreed to inform Committee staff if they wish to attend.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted a copy of Sustrans Active School Travel News.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Brenda Hale MLA regarding a proposed weight restriction in Hillsborough Village and agreed to forward to the Department for urgent answer.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding NI Water pension dispute and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding the procurement strategy adopted by Transport NI and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the OFMdFM Committee regarding an invite to Landscape Seminar on Monday 9 February 2015 and Members agreed to inform Committee staff if they wish to attend.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the draft budget 2015/16.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted a copy of IMTAC Report into Valuing Pedestrian Journeys.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence relating to the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland – Investing Activity Report for January 2015.

## **5. Translink Briefing: Inquiry into the Coleraine to Londonderry Rail Track Phase Two Project**

*10:11am The following officials joined the meeting*

David Strahan – Chief Executive, Translink  
Philip O’Neill – Chief Operating Officer, Translink  
Clive Bradberry – Infrastructure Executive, Translink

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

*10:11am Mr Lynch joined the meeting*

*10:33am Mr Moutray left the meeting*

*10:35am Mr Moutray re-joined the meeting*

11:09am Mr McAleer left the meeting

11:15am Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting

11:15am The officials left the meeting

## **6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Inquiry into the Coleraine to Londonderry Rail Track Phase Two Project**

11:16am The following officials joined the meeting

John McGrath – Deputy Secretary, Finance, Resources and Water Policy, DRD

Ciaran Doran – Director of Public Transport Services, DRD

Stephen McKillop – Accountant, DRD

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

11:43am The officials left the meeting

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to seek legal advice on applying Section 44 of the Northern Ireland Act in relation to the Project Assessment Review.

## **7. EU Matters**

Members noted EU Matters January 2015 Update.

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

*Members noted:*

- The Loading Bays on Roads (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- Parking Places on Roads (Disabled Persons Vehicles) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

## **9. SR 2014/311: The A29 Armagh Road, Moy (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014**

*Agreed:* That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/311: The A29 Armagh Road, Moy (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

**10. SR 2014/312: The Broadway, Larne (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014**

*Agreed:* That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/312: The Broadway, Larne (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

**11. SR 2014/314: The Templemore Avenue, Belfast (Footpath) (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014**

*Agreed:* That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/314: The Templemore Avenue, Belfast (Footpath) (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

**12. Any Other Business**

**13. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

*11:45am The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Trevor Clarke MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
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