



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2015
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present:

Mr Trevor Clarke 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 Chris Lyttle MLA
Mr Declan McAleer 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 Christine Dodson (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Barry McLernon (Clerical Officer)

Apologies:

Mr Stephen Moutray MLA

10:11am The meeting commenced in open session

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 4th March 2015.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 23rd March 2015.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding the NICS Voluntary Exit Scheme.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding an appointment to the NITHCO Board.

Agreed: The Committee noted holding correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the road traffic fatality, Malone Road.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the York Street Interchange.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding a public consultation on Translink Integrated Ticketing System.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Response to North Belfast Community Group on York Street Interchange.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development confirming Minister's attendance at today's meeting.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from Translink regarding launch of public consultation on Ulsterbus Services.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Consumer Council regarding public consultation on Ulsterbus Services.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from Sustrans regarding Application form for Schools to join the Active Schools Travel Programme.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Mr Peter Culbert regarding Translink finances.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding the PAR Report.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted a copy of the Hansard Report from the Committee meeting on Monday 23rd March 2015.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Public Passenger Transport (Service Agreements and Service Permits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, specifically in relation to the length of the proposed contract with Translink.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding European Priorities: Biannual Committee Engagement.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the eCar Project.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Ulsterbus Town Services.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Ballymoney Borough Council to the Minister regarding Community Transport issues and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Carnegie UK Trust regarding its report into Improving Wellbeing in Northern Ireland.

5. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Budget Allocations 2015/16

10:16am The Minister and following officials joined the meeting

Danny Kennedy MLA – Minister for Regional Development
Peter May – Permanent Secretary, DRD
Dr Andrew Murray – Chief Executive, Transport NI
John McNeill – Director of Finance, DRD

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

11:35am Mr McNarry left the meeting

11:43am Mr McNarry re-joined the meeting

12:03pm Mr McAleer left the meeting

12:12pm Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting

12:14pm The Minister and officials left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask what funding has been received from the EU since 2011 to date and in respect of which projects.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask for the total number of reported defects on Northern Ireland roads/carriageways.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask what has been the actual spend on winter service since May 2011 to date.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask what the level of unpaid parking penalties is and what is the Department doing to recoup these monies.

12:14pm The Committee adjourned

12:21pm The Committee recommenced in open session

The following Members were present: Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson), Mr Joe Byrne, Mr John Dallat MLA, Mr Declan McAleer MLA, Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Safety Barrier Replacement Policy

12:21pm The following official joined the meeting

Dr Andrew Murray – Chief Executive, Transport NI

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

12:24pm Mr McNarry re-joined the meeting

12:44pm Mr Hussey re-joined the meeting

12:51pm Mr Hussey left the meeting

12:51pm *Mr Byrne left the meeting*

12:55pm *The official left the meeting*

7. Quarry Products Association Northern Ireland Briefing: Structural Maintenance Budget

12:56pm *The following representatives joined the meeting*

Gordon Best – Regional Director, QPANI

Mark Hall – Chairman, Asphalt Technical Committee

Gareth Telford – Vice Chairman, Asphalt Technical Committee

Paul Brogan – Past Chairman, Asphalt Technical Committee

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

1:32pm *The representatives left the meeting*

8. EU Matters

Members noted EU Matters March 2015 Update.

9. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The One Way Traffic (Belfast) (Amendment) Order(Northern Ireland) 2015
- Making Permanent of the Experimental Traffic Control Scheme – Circular Road, Larne 2015
- The Road Races (Spamount Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- The Road Races (Tour of the Sperrins Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- The Footways (Prohibition of Waiting) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Newtownabbey) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

10. SL1: The Parkside Gardens, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

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

11. SL1: The Sliabh Dubh Glen and Sliabh Dubh View, Belfast (Footpath) (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

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

12. SL1: Water Legislation to Implement European Directive and Regulation

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

13. SL1: Proposed Londonderry Harbour (Variation of Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

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

14. Any Other Business

15. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 15th April 2015 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

1:34pm The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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