



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**  
**ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**Present:**

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer 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 Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Ross Hussey MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

*10:09am      The meeting commenced in open session*

*10:09am      The Committee was inquorate*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

**2. Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson gave Members an overview of the meeting he held with the new Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Consumer Council, which took place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

### **3. Strategic Planning and Forward Work Programme**

Members noted the Committee Forward Work Programme for the current Assembly session.

*10:14am      Mr Lyttle joined the meeting*

*10:14am      The Committee was quorate*

### **4. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:*      The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

### **5. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment to the Department for Regional Development regarding its Inquiry into Growing the Economy and Creating Jobs in a Reduced Tax Environment.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to Mr Philip McGonagle regarding Ulsterbus Funding.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to Mr Damien Bannon regarding the Disability Action Transport Scheme.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from NI Assembly Outreach regarding a visit by Ukrainian Delegation to Parliament Buildings on Tuesday 26th May 2015.

*Agreed:*      The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding its response to the Committee's Inquiry into the

Benefits of Cycling to the Economy and agreed to publish this document on the Committee's website.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Rural Community Transport Partnerships and agreed to forward relevant information to the Community Transport Partnerships for information.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to Mr Paschal Lynch regarding the York Street Interchange.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Mr Damien Bannon regarding the Door 2 Door Service.

## **6. Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill**

The Chairperson highlighted the written submissions received in relation to the Bill. The Committee also discussed the Forward Work Programme in relation to the Bill.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed a list of organisations to invite to provide oral evidence.

## **7. Any Other Business**

The Chairperson raised the issue of the construction of a new safety barrier on the Dublin Road, Antrim

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request further information on this new safety barrier.

Mr Dallat raised the issue of the use of taxis and company cars by Translink.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request further information on these issues.

*10:19am The Committee adjourned*

*10:37am The Committee recommenced in open session*

*The following Members were present: Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson), Mr John Dallat MLA, Mr Alex Easton MLA, Mr Chris Lyttle, Mr Declan McAleer MLA.*

## **8. EU Erasmus + Project**

Members welcomed students participating in the EU Erasmus + Project to the Committee and answered questions regarding the Committee's work and engagement.

## **9. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

11:26am      *The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Trevor Clarke MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
**27/05/15**