



# Northern Ireland Assembly

## COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Thursday 11 June 2015**  
**Room 29, Parliament Buildings**

Present: Mr Jim Allister MLA  
Mr Roy Beggs MLA  
Mr Gregory Campbell MLA  
Mr Sammy Douglas MLA  
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA  
Mr Fra McCann MLA  
Mr Sammy Wilson MLA

In Attendance: Dr Kevin Pelan (Assembly Clerk)  
Mrs Ashleigh Mitford (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Stewart Kennedy (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Richard Reid (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr Alex Maskey MLA (Chairperson)  
Ms Paula Bradley MLA  
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA

The meeting commenced at 10:08 a.m.

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson were absent and the Committee Clerk was in the chair.

Fra McCann moved that Sammy Douglas do take the chair of the Committee.

Sammy Wilson seconded the motion.

There were no further nominations and Sammy Douglas took the chair at 10:11a.m.

## **1. Apologies**

Apologies were noted as above.

## **2. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The draft minutes of the meetings held on 4 June 2015 were agreed.

## **3. Chairperson's Business**

None raised.

## **4. Matters Arising**

The Committee noted that only two Members had indicated that they will be attending the informal meeting with young advisers from the Speak-UP project scheduled for 18 June 2015.

*Agreed:* Members agreed to indicate their availability to attend by noon on 15 June 2015.

*10:10 am* Dolores Kelly joined the meeting

*Agreed:* Members agreed to a Committee press release, photographs and a web blog being in relation to this meeting.

## **5. Guidelines on the Licensing of Pavement Cafes – Briefing from IMTAC and Guide Dogs for the Blind Association**

The Committee noted a briefing paper, correspondence and an extract of the draft guidelines on the Licensing of Pavement Cafes.

The Chairperson reminded members that the Minister for Social Development is due to meet with representatives from Imtac and Guide Dogs for the Blind Association this month and that the Committee has asked that the Department update it on the outcome of the meeting.

The following representatives joined the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

- Michael Lorimer - Imtac
- June Best - Imtac
- Elaine Orwin - Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

The representatives briefed the Committee on their concerns regarding the draft guidelines.

The briefing was followed by questions from members.

The representatives left the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

The Committee noted that the draft guidelines are due to be finalised in Autumn with implementation by local councils scheduled for spring 2016.

Members discussed their views on the points raised in today's evidence session.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Minister setting out its views.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to request a briefing on the draft guidelines before they are finalised.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to seek an update from Imtac following the scheduled meeting with the Minister.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to seek information in relation to illegal pavement obstruction.

#### **6. SL1 The Payment of Pension Levies for Past Periods (Modification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

*Agreed:* The Committee was content for the Rule to be made.

#### **7. SL1 The Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (Consequential Amendments) (Units of Additional Pension) Order (NI) 2015**

*Agreed:* The Committee was content for the Rule to be made.

#### **8. SL1 The Social Security Class 3A Contributions (Units of Additional Pension) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

*Agreed:* The Committee was content for the Rule to be made.

#### **9. Correspondence**

The Committee considered a correspondence memo.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to action all correspondence as outlined on the correspondence memo.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to request a briefing in relation to the Affordable Warmth Scheme.

#### **10. Forward Work Programme**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

## **11. AOB**

No items were raised.

## **12. Date, time and place of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee for Social Development will take place on 18 June 2015 at 10:00am.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

**Alex Maskey**

**Chairperson, Committee for Social Development**

**18 June 2015**