



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL 2014

CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYERS FEDERATION HEADQUARTERS, MALONE ROAD, BELFAST

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Joe Byrne MLA
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mrs Brenda Hale MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín 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)
Mr Michael Donaghy (Clerical Officer)

Apologies:

Mr Ross Hussey MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA

10:09am The meeting commenced in open session

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Deputy Chairperson gave Members an overview of the Committee visit to Warrenpoint Harbour on 9th April 2014.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 2nd April 2014.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

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

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure regarding the Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy and agreed to include this in the Inquiry Report.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for the Environment regarding the Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy and agreed to include this in the Inquiry Report.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment regarding the Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy and agreed to include this in the Inquiry Report.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Proposed Level Crossing (McConaghy's) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and agreed to request a copy of the synopsis of responses to the consultation.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Proposed Private Crossing (Signs and Barriers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and agreed to request a copy of the synopsis of responses to the consultation.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding Investment Strategy Project Delivery Portal.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries following briefing from Permanent Secretary and Senior Management Team.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries following briefing on Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Belfast Telegraph article on PFI Schemes.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence the Department for Regional Development regarding the Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy and agreed to include this in the Inquiry Report.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding an extension to Millennium Way, Lurgan and agreed to forward to Craigavon Borough Council for information.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Rathlin and Strangford Ferry Project.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Implementation of Rights of Passengers in Bus and Coach Transport Consultation response.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Proposed Bus and Coach Passengers Rights and Obligations (Designation and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and agreed to request a copy of the synopsis of responses to the consultation.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries following the briefing on Social and Environmental Guidance for Water and Sewerage Services.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development regarding Creggan Country Park and the Reservoirs Bill.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Launch of Access Travel Wallet.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries following Minister's briefing on 2nd April.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding contact with NAMA on unadopted development roads.
- 10:13am* *Mrs Hale joined the meeting*
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Dr Gerry Mulligan (OFMdFM) regarding Connecting Europe Facility.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Finance and Personnel regarding the Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy and agreed to include this in the Inquiry Report.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted a copy of the Connecting with Customers Report on water and sewerage services.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Translink regarding Transport Conference in Belfast on 13th October 2014.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Mr Wright regarding the Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy and agreed to decline the offer of an oral briefing.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted an invite to meet with a delegation from the Federal State of Berlin on Tuesday 13th May 2014 and agreed to confirm attendance with Committee office.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence relating to the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland – Investing Activity Report for April 2014.

5. Construction Employers Federation Briefing: Major Infrastructure Projects

10:16am *The following representative joined the meeting*

John Armstrong – Managing Director, Construction Employers Federation
Nigel Lucas – Deputy Secretary, Construction Employers Federation
Ciaran Fox – Federation Manager, Construction Employers Federation

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

10:27am *Mr Easton joined the meeting*

11:05am *Mr Lynch left the meeting*

11:07am Mr Lynch re-joined the meeting

11:13am The representatives left the meeting

6. Police Service of Northern Ireland Briefing: Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill

11:14am The following representatives joined the meeting

Chief Inspector Diane Pennington – Police Service of Northern Ireland

Inspector Rosie Leech – Police Service of Northern Ireland

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

11:31am Mr Easton left the meeting

11:34am Mr Byrne left the meeting

11:39am Mr Easton re-joined the meeting

11:40am Mr McAleer left the meeting

11:42am The representatives left the meeting

7. Belfast Chamber of Trade and Commerce Briefing: Accessibility Issues in Belfast City Centre

11:43am The following representatives joined the meeting

Paul McMahon – Senior Vice-President, Belfast Chamber of Trade and Commerce

Hugh Black – Junior Vice-President, Belfast Chamber of Trade and Commerce

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

11:44am Mrs Hale left the meeting

11:49am Mrs Hale re-joined the meeting

11:58am Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting

12:00pm The representatives left the meeting

8. Department for Regional Development Briefing: A5 Western Transport Corridor

12:01pm The following officials joined the meeting

Pat Doherty – Director of Engineering, Transport NI, DRD

Philip Hamilton – Head of Engineering Services, Transport NI, DRD

Conor Loughery – Project Sponsor, Transport NI, DRD

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

12:01pm Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting

12:23pm The officials left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask for further details on the full cost of the delay in the A5 project.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request copies of the reports into the lessons learnt from this project.

9. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The Road Races (Spamount Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Road Races (North West 200) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Bus Lanes (Dublin Road, Antrim) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Waiting Restrictions (Carrickfergus) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Road Races (Tour of the Sperrins Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

10. SL1: The Nicholsons Court, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

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

11. SL1: The Rowantree Road (C355), Dromore (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

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

12. SR 2014/91: The Trewmount Close, Killyman, Dungannon (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/91: The Trewmount Close, Killyman, Dungannon (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

13. Any Other Business

Mr McAleer raised the issue of late submissions to the Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it will accept a written submission to the Inquiry.

The Chairperson informed the Committee that this would be Alison Ferguson's last meeting with the Committee. The Chairperson thanked Alison for her work and wished her every success for the future.

14. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Thursday 8th May 2014 at 9:30am in Mulranny Park Hotel, Co Mayo.

12:28pm The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Sean Lynch MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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