



Northern Ireland Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY 2014
HILTON HOTEL, TEMPLEPATRICK

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Joe Byrne MLA
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Ross Hussey MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA

In attendance:

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)
Mr Gavin Ervine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Tara McClafferty (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Michael Donaghy (Clerical Officer)

Apologies:

Mrs Brenda Hale MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA

9:30am *The meeting commenced in open session*

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson gave Members an overview of the meeting he and the Deputy Chairperson

held with a number of retired Translink employees, which took place on Tuesday 27th May 2014.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 14th May 2014.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding Post Project Evaluations and agreed to forward to the Department for comment on its outstanding PPEs.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding sewer bonds and agreed to forward a copy to the Construction Employers Federation for information.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Equality Unit Biannual Report.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding launch of the Railway Investment Prioritisation Strategy and agreed to write to the Department to request a briefing on this Strategy.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Departmental Business Plan 2014-15.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding Accessibility Issues in Belfast City Centre and agreed to forward a copy to Belfast Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding Rathlin Island Ferry Project.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence relating to the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland – Investing Activity Report for May 2014.

5. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The Cycle Routes (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment No.3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Waiting Restrictions (Randalstown) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Waiting Restrictions (Antrim) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Roads (Speed Limit) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Cathedral Quarter, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

6. SR 2014/112: The North Circular Road and Tarry Lane, Lurgan (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/112: The North Circular Road and Tarry Lane, Lurgan (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

7. SR 2014/124: The Westlink (Busways) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/124: The Westlink (Busways) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

8. Northern Ireland Environment Link Briefing: Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy

9:47am The following representatives joined the meeting

Dr Stephen McCabe – Policy and Projects Manager, Northern Ireland Environmental Link
Dr Joanna Purdy – Institute of Public Health in Ireland

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

9:59am *Mr Byrne joined the meeting*

10:10am *Mr Lynch left the meeting*

10:15am *Mr Lynch re-joined the meeting*

10:15am *Mr McNarry joined the meeting*

10:15am *Mr Dallat left the meeting*

10:19am *Mr Dallat re-joined the meeting*

10:30am *The representatives left the meeting*

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Northern Ireland Link to ask for further information regarding the number of schools with cycle storage facilities.

9. CTC – The National Cycling Charity Briefing: Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy

10:31am *The following representatives joined the meeting*

Roger Geffen – Campaigns and Policy Director, CTC
Barry Flood – Council Member for Northern Ireland, CTC
Roy White – Chair of the Northern Ireland Cycling Initiative

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

Mr Hussey declared an interest as a member of the Policing Board.

10:40am *Mr McAleer left the meeting*

10:41am *Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting*

11:02am *Mr Dallat left the meeting*

11:11am *Mr McNarry left the meeting*

11:14am *The representatives left the meeting*

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to CTC for further information regarding how a change to cycling short journeys can reduce the carbon footprint.

10. Sport NI Briefing: Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy

11:15am The following representatives joined the meeting

Nick Harkness – Director of Participation and Facilities, Sport NI

John News – Participation Manager, Sport NI

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

11:15am Mr McNarry re-joined the meeting

11:17am Mr Spratt left the meeting

11:17am The Deputy Chairperson assumed the role of Chairperson

11:21am Mr Spratt re-joined the meeting and re-assumed the role of Chairperson

11:25am Mr Hussey left the meeting

11:43am Mr Hussey re-joined the meeting

11:49am Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting

11:52am Mr Ó hOisín re-joined the meeting

11:57am The representatives left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Northern Ireland Environment Agency to request a briefing regarding access to Country Parks for active travel.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Sport NI to request further information regarding the Cycling Ireland High Performance Strategy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request further information regarding what interaction has taken place between the Cycle Unit and Sport NI.

11. Department for Regional Development Briefing: June Monitoring

11:58am The following officials joined the meeting

Deborah McNeilly – Finance Director, DRD

Stewart Barnes – Head of Financial Planning, DRD

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

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

12:11pm *Mr McAleer left the meeting*

12:17pm *Mr Lynch left the meeting*

12:17pm *Mr Hussey left the meeting*

12:17pm *The Committee were inquorate*

12:19pm *Mr Lynch re-joined the meeting*

12:19pm *The Committee was once again quorate*

12:22pm *Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting*

12:25pm *Mr McNarry left the meeting*

12:28pm *The officials left the meeting*

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask for further information regarding the technical movements referenced in the June Monitoring briefing paper.

12. Any Other Business

12:25pm *Mr Hussey re-joined the meeting*

13. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Thursday 4th June 2014 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

12:30pm *The meeting was adjourned*

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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