



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2014
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

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 Kieran McCarthy 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:

Mr Ross Hussey MLA

10:03am *The meeting commenced in open session*

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson provided Members with a letter he had sent to Minister Danny Kennedy, regarding the failure of the Department to provide the Committee with advanced consideration of strategic papers, namely in relation to Belfast on the Move and the Railway Investment Prioritisation Strategy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a meeting between the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson and the Minister at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Chairperson gave Members an overview of the Committee visit to Chain Reaction Cycles on 28th May 2014.

10:15am Mr McNarry joined the meeting

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 28th May 2014.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding Main Estimates 2014.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from OFMdfM regarding Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission Budget.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Connswater Community Greenway presentation and agreed to include this in the Inquiry Report.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Accessible Transport Strategy – Action Plan 2012-2015: 2nd Year Monitoring Report.

Agreed: The Committee noted a copy of Chain Reaction Cycle presentation to Committee and agreed to include this in the Inquiry Report.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from Connswater Community Greenway regarding Committee queries on its presentation and agreed to include this in the Inquiry Report.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland regarding Committee queries on its presentation and agreed to include this in the Inquiry Report.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Mr George Hewitt regarding procurement of buses and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Central Committee Office regarding a Guide to the Powers and Operation of Statutory Committees.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Sustrans regarding Committee queries on its presentation and agreed to include this in the Inquiry Report.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment regarding a Green Investment Bank workshop on Tuesday 10th June 2014 and agreed to inform Committee staff if they wish to attend.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted a copy of the IMTAC Forward Work Programme 2014/15.

5. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Water Bill

10:18am The following officials joined the meeting

Robert Crawford – Head of Water Policy Division, DRD
 Stuart Wightman – Water Policy Division, DRD
 Louise Green – Water Policy Division, DRD

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

10:22am Mrs Hale joined the meeting

11:00am Mr Dallat left the meeting

11:08am Mr Easton left the meeting

11:09am The officials left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a copy of the NILGA 'prioritisation audit' within each Council area in relation to unadopted

roads.

6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Off-Street Parking (Functions of District Councils) Bill

11:10am The following officials joined the meeting

Terry Deehan – Acting Director of Corporate Services, DRD

David Millar – Head of Land and Legislation Branch, DRD

Sean McConnell – Acting Head of Parking Enforcement Unit, DRD

Gerry Anketell MBE – Bill Team Leader, DRD

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

11:14am Mr Easton re-joined the meeting

11:20am Mr Dallat re-joined the meeting

11:27am Mrs Hale left the meeting

11:32am Mr Lynch left the meeting

11:34am Mr McAleer left the meeting

11:41am Mrs Hale re-joined the meeting

11:51am Mr Byrne left the meeting

11:59am Mr Lynch re-joined the meeting

12:01pm The officials left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request information regarding the value of each car park by Council area.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Committee to request a copy of the report published by Deloitte in relation to the transfer of functions and due diligence.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a copy of the draft service level agreement between the Department and District Councils.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request notes of meetings held with Chief Executives designates.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request figures in relation to the hours deployed by parking wardens in off-street car parks.

7. SR 2014/135: The Nicholsons Court, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/135: The Nicholsons Court, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

8. SR 2014/136: The Rowantree Road (C355), Dromore (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2014/136: The Rowantree Road (C355), Dromore (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and has no objection to the rule.

9. Any Other Business

10. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Thursday 11th June 2014 at 10:00am in Room 115, Parliament Buildings.

12:04pm *The meeting was adjourned*

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
11/06/14