

AGM minutes December 2023

Paul Sweeney MSP stood down as Convenor

Tom Laing, Co-operatives UK took the chair as Secretary and took nominations for Convenor

Colin Smyth MSP moved that Paul Sweeney be elected Convenor, this was seconded by Paul Sweeney

The question was put and answered in the affirmative

**Resolved – Paul Sweeney MSP be elected Convenor**

Paul Sweeney took the chair and opened nominations for Deputy Convenor,

On a motion moved by Colin Smyth MSP that Claire Baker MSP be elected Deputy Convenor, this was seconded by Paul Sweeney,

The question was put and answered in the affirmative

**Resolved- Claire Baker MSP be elected Deputy Convenor**

Scottish Co-operative Discovery Centre presented to the CPG on their community share offer

Then Edinburgh Student Housing Co-operative presented on the benefits of Co-operation and specifically called on Scottish Government to grant ADS tax exemption for private housing coops

West Granton Housing Co-operative then presented on the benefits of housing co-operatives for social landlords. Noted concerns that Regulator isn't supportive of Housing co-operatives. Specifically asked for Scottish Government to legislate to give the regulator a statutory duty to consider Housing co-operatives

Then Finally Glasgow Student Housing Co-operative presented on the fight to establish a student housing co-operative in Glasgow. Specifically they called on Scottish Government to

grant HMO exemption for Housing Co-operative owned by one co-operative and managed by another.

Paul Sweeney MSP then opened up a discussion on how best to achieve housing co-operative growth in Scotland. Those speaking agreed with the aims and believed the coming Housing Bill would be a good opportunity for such legislative reform.

On a motion by the convenor and seconded by Sarah Boyack MSP, that the CPG works to support the asks of Scottish Government put by Edinburgh Student Housing, Glasgow Student Housing and West Granton