

Cross-Party Group on Disability

Tuesday 7 June 2022 – Annual General Meeting

Minute

Present

MSPs

Jeremy Balfour
Pam Duncan-Glancy

Non-MSP Group Members

Marianne Scobie
Jenny Miller
Linda Bamford
Robert Dick
David Nicholson
Terry Robinson
Stephanie Fraser
Robert McGeachy
Daniel Schirn
Shona Scott
John Ballantine
Laura Gemmell
Derek Kelter
Andrew Ewen
Tess White
Maddy Kirkman
Paul O'Kane

Maggie Ellis
Tina Yu
David Nicholson
Pam Duncan-Glancy
Thursa Sanderson
Daniela Rodina
George Allan
Kim Dams
Rory Hannon
Keith Park/Thomas Mulvey
Diana Winfield
Rob McDowell
Donna Tomlin
Amanda Foster
Marg McNeil
Patrick Cairney
Caroline Gould

Apologies

Emma Roddick MSP
Mercedes Villalba MSP
Katy Clark MSP
Jackie Baillie MSP
Tess White MSP
Paul O'Kane MSP
Maureen McAllister

Olivia Carson
Kirsty McKenzie
Carol Burt
Stan Flett
Euan's Guide
Terry Robinson
Laura Gemmell

Approval of new members and minutes

Jenny Miller was approved as a new member of the CPG on Disability
Daniel Schirn was approved as a new member of the CPG on Disability

Tina Yu proposed the minutes and Linda Bamford seconded. The minutes from the previous meeting on 1 February 2022 were approved.

Annual General Meeting - Business

The membership was asked if there were any nominations for convenor. There were none and the membership agreed that Jeremy Balfour MSP should be re-elected as Convenor.

Jeremy Balfour explained that Disability Equality Scotland had been carrying out the secretariat function for the past year and asked the membership if there were any other organisation or individual who wished to put their name forward. There were none and Disability Equality Scotland was re-elected as secretariat.

Mike Harrison was re-elected as treasurer.

AGM business was concluded.

Matters Arising

Disability Commissioner - Jeremy Balfour spoke about the proposed bill for a disability commissioner in Scotland and asked the membership to engage with the current consultation.

Disabled Political Representation - Jeremy Balfour talked about the improving disabled political representation paper and stated that he is hosting a webinar on disabled representation for commonwealth countries.

MND Scotland Presentation - Colette McDiarmid and Gabrielle King from MND Scotland delivered a presentation about the work they're doing and invited some of their members to discuss how MND has affected them. Lesley Campbell spoke about the difficulty of making adaptations to her house for her husband and felt the bureaucracy was unnecessary and it was often too late by the time adaptations could be made.

MND Scotland asked that each MSP makes their local council aware of the disease and the impact that a diagnosis has on the family. MND Scotland asked that councils understand that MND patients need to plan far into the future so that their environment doesn't disabled them any further.

Film suggestion – Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP recommended the film "Then Barbera Met Alan" with the membership and that it is available to watch on the iPlayer.

Stephanie Fraser also suggested “Jordi’s Letters” and placed the link into the chat - <https://cerebralpalsyscotland.org.uk/my-thoughts-on-jordis-letters/>

AOCB

- Maggie Ellis shared her view that there is a distinct lack of toilets available in Scotland
- Maggie Ellis raised the topic of meeting format and asked that more meetings be in-person. Jeremy Balfour said we would discuss the topic at September’s meeting.
- Robert Dick asked that the group follows up on the issue of accessible toilets being used as gender neutral toilets
- Maddy Kirkman shared the publication of the UNCRPD shadow report and informed the membership that Inclusion Scotland worked with disabled people as part of the periodic review.

Meeting Close

There were no other matters arising so Jeremy Balfour thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting.