

Cross-Party Group on Nature and Climate

Monday, 27th June 2022 at 12:00-12:30pm

Minute

Present

MSPs

Mark Ruskell MSP, Beatrice Wishart MSP, Stephen Kerr MSP (Represented by Rachel Nunn), Finlay Carson MSP, Maggie Chapman MSP (Represented by Tanya Jones)

Invited guests

N/A

Non-MSP Group Members

Lyndsay Croal (WWF Scotland), Bruce Wilson (Scottish Wildlife Trust), Nora Casey (RSPB Scotland), Alan McCombes (John Muir Trust), Rosie Simpson (John Muir Trust), Rhiannon Le (RSPB Scotland), Dan Paris (ScotLINK).

Apologies

Paul McLennan MSP, Monica Lennon MSP, Mercedes Villalba MSP, Maurice Golden MSP, Meghan Gallacher MSP

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mark Ruskell MSP and Scottish Environment LINK gave an introduction.

2. Appointment of Office-Bearers

Mark Ruskell MSP appointed the office-bearers of the CPG, as follows: Mark Ruskell MSP as Convener and Finlay Carson MSP as Deputy Convener. Mark Ruskell MSP asked whether members present were content with the appointment of Office Bearers before proceeding to the next agenda item.

Scottish Environment LINK volunteered to serve as secretariat. This was proposed by Mark Ruskell and seconded by Beatrice Wishart.

3. Confirmation of Name and Purpose

Mark Ruskell MSP shared the name and purpose of the CPG, as follows: CPG Nature and Climate with the aim of creating a forum to discuss the interconnected crises of nature loss and climate change. Mark Ruskell MSP asked whether members present were content with the name and purpose before proceeding to the next agenda item. Mark Ruskell MSP noted that member MSPs who gave apologies shared that they were content with the name and purpose of the CPG prior to today's meeting.

4. Confirmation of Membership

Mark Ruskell MSP confirmed the following MSP members of the CPG: Mark Ruskell MSP, Finlay Carson MSP, Beatrice Wishart MSP, Paul McLennan MSP, Meghan Gallacher MSP, Maurice Golden MSP, Monica Lennon MSP, Mercedes Villalba MSP. Mark Ruskell MSP noted that member MSPs who gave apologies shared their interest in becoming Members of the CPG prior to today's meeting.

Mark Ruskell MSP confirmed the following Non-MSP members of the CPG: Scottish Environment LINK, RSPB Scotland, WWF Scotland, John Muir Trust, Woodland Trust, Scottish Wildlife Trust, Plantlife Scotland, Buglife, and Marine Conservation Society.

Mark Ruskell MSP asked whether any members had any questions before proceeding to the next agenda item.

5. Proposed Topics for Future Meetings

Non-MSP and MSP members of the CPG shared their interest in discussing the following topics in future meetings: Marine Environment, Natural Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Blue Carbon, Farming, Agriculture, Forestry, National Parks, Carbon Credits, Biodiversity Strategy, Peatland Restoration, Land Reform.

6. AOB

N/A