

# Cross-Party Group on Nature and Climate

Thursday, 07 November 2024 at 15:15-15:45

## Minute

## Present

## MSPs

Mark Ruskell MSP, Maurice Golden MSP, and Monica Lennon MSP

## Non-MSP Group Members

Reuben Duffy (Office of Monica Lennon MSP) and Juliet Caldwell (Scottish Environment LINK)

## Apologies

Finlay Carson MSP and Beatrice Wishart MSP

## 1. Welcome and CPG Review

Mark Ruskell MSP shared and invited reflections on CPG meetings held in the period of 2022-23 and 2023-24, including topics, speakers, and attendees. The CPG meetings held to date are available to view via the CPG Nature and Climate site on the Scottish Parliament website.

## 2. Appointment of Office-Bearers

The following Members were nominated as office bearers:

- Mark Ruskell MSP was nominated as Co-Convenor of the CPG by Monica Lennon MSP and Maurice Golden MSP.
- Monica Lennon MSP was nominated as Co-Convenor of the CPG by Mark Ruskell MSP and Maurice Golden MSP.
- Maurice Golden MSP was nominated as Deputy Convenor of the CPG by Mark Ruskell MSP and Monica Lennon MSP.
- Scottish Environment LINK was nominated as Secretariat of the CPG by Mark Ruskell MSP, Monica Lennon MSP, and Maurice Golden MSP.

## 3. Confirmation of Membership

- The MSP Members of the CPG beyond office-bearers to date, include: Finlay Carson MSP, Beatrice Wishart MSP, Meghan Gallacher MSP, and Mercedes Villalba MSP.
- The Non-MSP Members of the CPG include: Scottish Environment LINK, RSPB Scotland, WWF Scotland, John Muir Trust, Woodland Trust, Scottish Wildlife Trust, Plantlife Scotland, Buglife, and Marine Conservation Society.

## 4. AOB and Future Meetings

MSP members acknowledged the challenges with securing MSP attendance in CPG meetings due to capacity limitations and proposed different methods to overcome this challenge. This included: (i) hosting joint meetings with other CPGs on issues of joint interest, such as a meeting with CPG on Circular Economy; and (ii) organising a visit outside the Scottish Parliament as part of a future meeting and inviting decision-makers to attend. The MSP and Non-MSP office-bearers agreed to continue engaging on this matter and consider possible topics for future sessions.