

**CROSS PARTY GROUP ON TOBACCO CONTROL**

**MINUTE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012. 1PM, AT THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Willie Rennie MSP</b> - Chair</li> <li>• <b>Richard Simpson MSP</b></li> <li>• <b>Iain Brotchie</b>, Royal Pharmaceutical Society</li> <li>• <b>Aileen Bryson</b>, Royal Pharmaceutical Society</li> <li>• <b>Vicky Crichton</b>, Cancer Research UK</li> <li>• <b>Heather Dick</b>, REHIS</li> <li>• <b>Sheila Duffy</b>, ASH Scotland</li> <li>• <b>Celia Gardiner</b>, NHS Health Scotland</li> <li>• <b>Karen Gray</b>, Glasgow City CHP</li> <li>• <b>Maddy Halliday</b>, Stroke Association</li> <li>• <b>Ben McKendrick</b>, British Heart Foundation</li> <li>• <b>Crawford Moodie</b>, University of Stirling</li> <li>• <b>Lindsay Paterson</b>, RCPE</li> <li>• <b>Valerie Smith</b>, ASH Scotland (minutes)</li> <li>• <b>John Watson</b>, ASH Scotland</li> </ul> <p><u>Invited Guest</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Andy Bruce</b>, Head of Tobacco, Alcohol and Diet, Public Health Division, The Scottish Government (for item on Draft Tobacco Strategy)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Erin Boyle</b>, BMA</li> <li>• <b>Gillian Griffith</b>, Health Information and Publishing Consultancy</li> <li>• <b>Gerard Hastings</b>, University of Stirling</li> <li>• <b>Graeme Pearson MSP</b></li> <li>• <b>Eileen Streets</b>, The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation</li> <li>• <b>Dr Alan Rodger</b></li> <li>• <b>Diane Thomson</b>, Pfizer</li> </ul>
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		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Willie Rennie MSP opened the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies, as detailed above, were noted.</p> <p>Willie Rennie welcomed Andy Bruce, The Scottish Government, to the meeting for discussion of the Scottish Government's draft document 'A Tobacco Control Strategy for Scotland'.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Scottish Government – A Tobacco Control Strategy for Scotland</b></p> <p>Andy Bruce gave an overall summary of the Strategy and then took questions from the meeting.</p>	

	<p>A lively discussion took place, with members of the Group asking a range of questions and feeding in suggestions for the Strategy.</p> <p>Willie Rennie MSP thanked Andy Bruce for coming along to the meeting.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Discussion of remit and format of the group</b></p> <p>A proposal was submitted to the meeting to clarify the name of the Group and its remit.</p> <p><b>Name of the Group:</b>  Currently: Cross Party Group on Tobacco Control  Proposed to be changed to: Cross Party Group on Tobacco and Health.</p> <p><b>Remit of the Group:</b>  Currently: 'To take forward an effective tobacco control agenda in Scotland'  Proposed to be changed to: 'To benefit public health through building political dialogue and collaboration to tackle the harm caused by tobacco use in Scotland'.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to these changes and the Chair will submit the request to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.</p>	Willie Rennie/John Watson
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Office Bearer Elections – Convener/Vice Conveners</b></p> <p><b>Convener</b>  Willie Rennie MSP confirmed willingness to continue in office</p> <p><b>Vice Convener/s</b>  Richard Simpson MSP and Kenneth Gibson MSP had confirmed willingness to continue in office</p> <p><b>Secretariat</b>  John Watson, ASH Scotland, confirmed willingness to continue</p> <p>The meeting agreed to these appointments.</p> <p>The annual return 2011/2012 had been circulated to the Group for information. The Group agreed this could now be submitted to the Standards Committee.</p>	Willie Rennie/John Watson
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Forthcoming Meetings and Topics</b></p> <p>Discussion took place regarding possible topics for future meetings and the following were suggested:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertising; packaging; marketing of tobacco products – could link in with result of Department of Health consultation on standardised packaging.</li> <li>• Tobacco industry tactics</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taxes/levies.</li> <li>• Corporate/social responsibilities of companies selling tobacco</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed, for the January meeting, to look at the marketing of tobacco products. Crawford Moodie would discuss ideas with ASH Scotland.</p>	Crawford Moodie/John Watson
6.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>No other matters were raised.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p><b>10<sup>th</sup> January 2013, 12.45pm to 2.15pm, in Committee Room 5, The Scottish Parliament</b></p>	