

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Crofting

DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

22 June 2011

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

11 March 2015

DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]

10 February 2016

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

09 March 2016

GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

Date	Topics	MSPs	Non-MSPs
22/04/2015	Young Crofters 20:20 CAP Crofting Development Crofting law	2	19

03/06/2015	Crofting in Land Reform CAP Crofting Development Crofting law	4	20
09/09/2015	Crofting Regulation CAP Crofting Development Crofting law	4	22
28/10/2015	Minister for Environment Rural Communications and the Scottish Rural Parliament CAP Crofting Development Crofting law	5	25
16/12/2015	The Future of Crofting conference CAP Crofting Development Crofting law	2	22
10/02/2016	AGM The creation of new crofts CAP Crofting Development Crofting Law and Administration	2	18

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Angus MacDonald SNP
Dave Thompson SNP
David Stewart SL
Jamie McGrigor SCUP
Jean Urquhart Ind
John Finnie Ind
Liam McArthur SLDP
Mike MacKenzie SNP
Michael Russell MSP
Mary Scanlon SCUP
Rhoda Grant SLP
Rob Gibson SNP
Tavish Scott SLDP

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

David Eyre
Donald Cameron
Jamie McIntyre
Jim Lugton
Jim McPherson
Ken MacKenzie
Morag Jardine
Ronnie Eunson
Tom Gray

Organisations

Scottish Crofting Federation - secretary
Crofting Commission
European Forum for Nature Conservation & Pastoralism
Highland Council
Highlands & Islands Enterprise
Inksters Solicitors
National Farmers Union Scotland
Nourish Scotland
Soil Association Scotland
SCF Young Crofters
Scottish Churches Rural Group
Scottish Land & Estates
Scottish Parliament Information Centre
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
University of Coventry
University of the Highlands and Islands
Western Isles Council

GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Jamie McGrigor MSP
Deputy Convener	Jean Urquhart MSP Rhoda Grant MSP
Secretary	Patrick Krause, Scottish Crofting Federation

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

The group benefits from the secretariat support provided by Patrick Krause, an employee of SCF, most of which is in his own time and for which he does not claim compensation in cash or kind. However as there is no provision within the CPG rules for an organisation to provide voluntary support, were Patrick to charge for his time it would amount to about £840 for the year (6 meetings, 7 hours per meeting including preparation, attendance and writing up minutes, at £20 per hr).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

There is no subscription.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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