

## **Minute note - Cross Party Group on Oil and Gas**

**Held on Wednesday 25 February, 18:00-19:30**

**Committee Room 4, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP**

In attendance

### **MSPs:**

Nanette Milne  
Lewis Macdonald  
Tavish Scott  
Dennis Robertson  
Mark Macdonald  
Richard Baker  
Rhoda Grant  
Alex Johnstone  
Kevin Stewart  
Christian Allard  
Liam McArthur

### **Non MSPs:**

Adam Wilson, Wood Mackenzie  
Alan Motion, Met Office  
Andrew Gill, Weber Shandwick  
Audrey Banner, DECC  
Brian Donaldson  
Christine Jones  
Christopher Wallace, Scottish Parliament  
Elizabeth Meenagh, Application Recruitment  
Frances Johnston, Scottish Parliament  
Gareth Williams, SCDI  
Gillian Frew, Pinsent Masons LLP  
Gordon McGuinness, Skills Development Scotland  
James Hamilton, OPITO  
Jenny Ross, Scottish Parliament  
Jenny Stanning, Oil & Gas UK  
John Macdonald, OPITO  
John Warrender, Addax Petroleum UK Ltd  
Malcolm Dickson, Wood Mackenzie  
Marian Bruce, DECC  
Mark Whittet, Scottish Energy News  
Meg Wright, EDT Scotland  
Michael Tholen, Oil & Gas UK  
Mike Duncan, SDS  
Neil Anderson, Ledingham Chalmers LLP  
Roger Salomone, ExxonMobil  
Simon Astley, Airbus Helicopters  
Tim Smith, BP  
Thomas Fife-Schaw, Ipsos Mori  
Veronica Noone, Scottish Enterprise

Apologies

MSPs:

Alison McInnes MSP

Dr Richard Simpson MSP

**Non-MSPs:**

Fiona Bayne, Shell

Iain Brochie, Total

James Trolland, Spae Consulting

Matt Taylor, BG Group

Neil Michie, Oil & Gas UK

Nigel Jenkins, Decom North Sea

Norman McLennan, Sasol Petroleum International

David Rennie, Scottish Enterprise

Ally Rae, BP

Angela Wilson, Energy North

**Nanette Milne MSP** welcomed MSPs and non MSP members to the Cross Party Group and led the official AGM proceedings.

- Richard Baker nominated Lewis Macdonald as co-convenor, seconded by Rhoda Grant.
- Alex Johnstone nominated Nanette Milne as co-convenor, seconded by Rhoda Grant.
- Rhoda Grant nominated Tavish Scott as co-convenor, seconded by Kevin Stewart.
- Kevin Stewart nominated Dennis Robertson as co-convenor, seconded by Christian Allard.

The Group agreed the nominations and for Oil & Gas UK to continue providing secretarial support for the group.

Michael Tholen, Economics Director at Oil & Gas UK, gave an update about the economic state of the industry and the 2015 Activity Survey.

Tim Smith, Vice-President of Communications and External Affairs at BP gave an operator perspective on the current state of the industry.

Nanette Milne then chaired a Question and Answer session, including questions and comments about the industry outlook, conflicting messaging for potential new entrants into the industry, comparisons with international competitors on efficiency, decommissioning opportunities for the supply chain, the need to stimulate political interest from right across Scotland, the importance of STEM subjects, terms and conditions for offshore workers and Labour Market Intelligence.

Nanette Milne thanked her MSP colleagues and all other attendees for their time and the formal meeting closed for networking and refreshments.

Ends.