

Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Science and Technology

AGM 1230 5 February 2015

Minutes

- 1. Attendance & Apologies:** In attendance: Elaine Murray MSP, Iain Gray MSP, Liam McArthur MSP, Claire Adamson MSP, Drew Smith MSP, Patrick Harvie MSP, Bristow Muldoon.
- 2. Review of 2013/14:** Two full meetings of the group had been held: on a presentation by the Chief Scientific Adviser to the Scottish Government, Professor Muffy Calder; and a presentation on the work of the chemical sciences section of Skills Development Scotland. The annual Science and the Parliament event took place on the topic of science education – three members of the CPG had speaking roles in this event.
- 3. Financial Support:** The Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) and Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) have provided catering at meetings. The administrative support to the group has also been provided by a member of staff of the RSE & RSC.
- 4. Appointment of Office Bearers:** The following were elected: Co-conveners Dr Elaine Murray MSP and Clare Adamson MSP; Vice-conveners Iain Gray MSP and Liam McArthur MSP; Secretary Bristow Muldoon (Royal Society of Edinburgh & Royal Society of Chemistry).
- 5. Future meetings:** It was agreed that a suitable topic for the next full meeting would be Fracking / Unconventional Gas retrieval, given that the RSE would be likely to publish a report on this topic before the summer.

Meeting closed 1300