

## **CROSS-PARTY GROUP IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ON CONSTRUCTION**

**Minute of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 27 September 2016 at 5.30pm in the Scottish Parliament.**

### **Attendance**

Alex Johnstone MSP  
Alison Johnstone MSP  
Sandra White MSP

Robert Girvan – CITB  
John Hutchison – Scottish Building  
Stephen McClusky – GMG Contractors  
Gerry McGinn – GMG Contractors  
Stewart McKillop – South Lanarkshire College  
John McKinney – Scottish Contractors Group  
Paul Mitchell – Scottish Building  
Ian Morrison – Forth Valley College  
Gordon Nelson – FMB  
Stephen Sheridan – Skills Development Scotland  
Alan Watt – CECA Scotland  
Alan Wilson – SELECT  
Stephen Young – ICE

### **Apologies**

Monica Lennon MSP  
Christine McKelvie MSP

Grahame Barn – CECA Scotland  
Maureen Douglas – Forster Group  
Malcolm Horner – Dundee University  
Lynne McKay – CIOB  
Alastair McKinnon – Scottish Enterprise  
Alan Seath - Alan Seath Planning Consultancy  
James Talman – NFRC  
Karyn Watt – Anderson Strathern Solicitors

#### **1. Welcome**

Mr Johnstone MSP welcomed all to the meeting and recorded his, and the group's, thanks to Mr Nigel Don, Mr Mike MacKenzie and Mrs Margaret McCulloch for their considerable support of the group and the construction industry during their terms as Members of the Scottish Parliament.

#### **2. Accounts for the Period to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**

The accounts had been issued with papers at the meeting. The accounts were approved.

### **3. Election of Office Bearers**

#### **3.1 Convenor**

Mr Johnstone invited the Secretary to chair this item. The sole nomination was Alex Johnstone MSP and this was duly approved.

The Convenor took the chair and thanked members for their support.

#### **5.2 Vice Convenors (MSP)**

The Convenor proposed there be three MSP Vice Convenors which was agreed.

The nominations for these positions were Alison Johnstone MSP, Monica Lennon MSP and Christina McKelvie MSP which were proposed and duly approved.

#### **5.3. Secretary**

The Convenor advised members that the sole nomination was for John McKinney as Secretary, this was proposed and duly approved.

#### **5.4 Treasurer**

The Convenor advised members that Alan Watt was stepping down as Treasurer as he would be retiring next year and thanked Mr Watt. The sole nomination for the position of Treasurer was for Grahame Barn. This was proposed and duly approved.

It was resolved that the authorised signatories in the current mandate for the Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Construction (834700 a/c 10182464) be changes following the resignation of Alan Watt as Treasurer and the appointment of Grahame Barn in his place, and the current mandate would continue as amended.

It was proposed, and agreed, that CPG Construction would invoice members for £40 to cover the costs of refreshments for meetings. The invoices would be issued should the group be successful in its application to be recognised by the Scottish Parliament's Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

### **6 Date of Next Meeting.**

The Convenor said that the Secretary, Treasurer and his office would prepare and submit the relevant paperwork to apply for the group to be recognised by the Scottish Parliament and if successful, the next meeting was planned for the evening of 29 November 2016.

There were discussions regarding training and the current and projected skills gaps. It was agreed that the next meeting would concentrate on apprenticeships and details would be issued in due course.

Mr Girvan advised members that CITB was organising an event in the Scottish Parliament Members Room on 15 November 2016 and anyone interested in attending was asked to contact him.

Mr Mitchell reported that Scottish Building Apprenticeship Training Council (SBATC) would hold its SBATC Apprentice of the Year Awards Ceremony 2016 at the Scottish Parliament on 18 November 2016 and anyone wanting details was asked to contact him.

The Convenor advised that details of the next Annual General Meeting would be sent to members in due course.

The Convenor took the opportunity to once again thank Mr Watt for his support as Treasurer from when the group was formed in 2002 and presented him with a bottle of whisky as a small token of thanks.

The convenor thanked all members for their attendance and the meeting close.