

CROSS PARTY GROUP IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ON CONSTRUCTION

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT,
EDINBURGH, EH99 1SP

Notes of the virtual meeting held via MS Teams
10.00am Thursday 21st May

1. Welcome

Gordon Nelson (GN) Secretary of the Cross-Party Group, (CPG) welcomed everyone to the first ever virtual meeting of the CPG on Construction and confirmed that the meeting would be recorded before handing over to the Convenor, Monica Lennon (ML) MSP.

ML noted apologies from Alison Johnstone MSP, Graham Barn CECA, Stephen Slessor, Morrison Construction.

2. Matters Arising

The link to the full recording of the virtual meeting is here:

<https://youtu.be/hnMiy4MT0Y>

The meeting gets underway 3 minutes and 30 seconds into the recording.

Presentations were delivered by:

Alan Wilson, Chair of the CICV Forum and MD of SELECT on:

Collaboration during the Covid-19 Crisis: the CICV Forum

Ian Hill, Senior Research Analyst, CITB on:

The economic position post pandemic and what this could mean for the construction industry

Hew Edgar, Chair of the CICV 'Future' sub-group and Head of UK Government Relations and City Strategy, RICS on:

Post-Pandemic Recovery, the future for the Scottish Construction industry

During the meeting, many of those attending posted questions in the Q&A function and raised points. Whilst we were not able to address all of these during the meeting, here is a summary.

- Will the CPG encourage the S Govt to accelerate the review of retention now that the consultation has closed? There are millions of ££ held in retention funds which needs to be released ASAP.
- Productivity is 40-50% on our sites in England using Safe Operating Procedures
- My Constituency has a large number of applications lodged with Council for housing / Hotels / offices do you think these maybe put on hold by developers

- Given the economic outlook what are CITBs predictions for apprenticeship intake in future years? Given we are in unprecedented times, what is CITB looking to do differently to ensure continued apprenticeship intake given we already have a skills gap and an aging workforce.
- BSES Skills deals with apprenticeships in the mechanical and electrical sectors and currently has over 5000 in training and we are also concerned about how future issues may impact on training and retention.
- The government continues to engage with us to get all the industry licensed and to stamp out the cowboys.
- Support for client contract liabilities are a real issue that the Scottish Government needs to address as the Government have only provided advise and not made the shutdown a change in law. Supplier Relief notes are helping but the private sector is not acting fairly.
- We need a strategy from the Government to rebuild the sector.

3. Any Other Business

None.

4. Date of Next Meeting.

ML & GN agreed to discuss the possibility of running another virtual meeting in late summer or early autumn.

GN will liaise with the treasurer Graham Barn regarding topics, speakers and potential dates.

List of attendees who logged into the meeting on 21st May, as per the report from MS Teams.

MSP attendees: Monica Lennon MSP, Alexander Burnett MSP, Sandra White MSP

Non-MSP attendees

Forename	Surname	Company/Representing	CPG Members Noted
Asim	Afzal	CIOB	CPG Member
Alison	Ewing	Savills	
Allan	Thomson	Central Training Services Ltd	
Barri	Millar	Association for Project Safety	CPG Member
Brett	Amphlett	Builders Merchant Federation	
Chris	Pateman	Engineered Panels in Construction (EPIC)	CPG Member
David	Ewing	Galliford Try	
Iain	Tosh	Galliford Try	
Edvins	Balodis	Tayside Contracts	
Elliot	Robertson	Robertson	
Robert	Girvan	CITB	CPG Member

Ian	Hughes	CITB	CPG Member
Michael	Lennox	CITB	CPG Member
Ian	Hill	CITB	CPG Member & Speaker
Gordon	Nelson	FMB and CPG Secretary	CPG Member
Iain	Lumsden	TSL Contractors	CPG Member
Len	Bunton	Bunton Consulting	
Maureen	Douglas	Forster Group	
Gordon	Nelson	FMB	CPG Member
Sam	Ibott	Association for Consultancy & Engineering	CPG Member
Hew	Edgar	RICS	Speaker
Stuart	Tennant	University of the West of Scotland	
Pam	Wilson	Kevin Wilson Joiners and FMB Scotland Board Member	
Alan	Wilson	SELECT- Scotland's Electrical Trade Association	CPG Member & Speaker
Yvonne	Wilson	SELECT	CPG Member

Secretary: Gordon Nelson

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