

Cross Party Group on Science & Technology AGM

Wednesday 2 October 2019 – 5.30pm

Salisbury Room, Dynamic Earth

1. Attendance

MSPs: Clare Adamson MSP (Convener); Iain Gray MSP (Deputy Convener); Patrick Harvie MSP

Non MSPs: Craig Denham, Paul Stuart, Daria Tuhtar (all RSE); Alistair Taylor (MSP Staff); Andrew Mackenzie (Physiological Society); Gavin Gibson (Edinburgh Mathematical Society); Niall Sommerville (Royal Society of Chemistry); Yetunde Adediran (Open Virtual STEM); Becky Morris, Alan Thompson (both Skyrora); Stephen Benn (Royal Society of Biology); Rebecca Bell (Scottish Carbon Capture and Storage); Albert King (Scottish Government); Keith Seymour (Geological Society); Fiona McNeill (Herio-Watt); William Duncan (Strathclyde University); Zoe Johnson (Scottish Parliament); Anna Coleman (Scottish Parliament); Kathleen Hill (Edinburgh Laser Optics); Iain Wall (SCDI)

Apologies received from: Finlay Carson MSP; Daniel Johnson MSP

2. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 8 May 2019 was confirmed.

3. Consideration on draft Annual Report

The Secretariat noted that those attending the CPG would be contacted before submission of the Annual Report to confirm inclusion on the list on members. The Annual report must be submitted within 30 days of the AGM taking place.

It was agreed that the Annual Report could be submitted on this basis.

4. Appointment of Officer Bearers

Clare Adamson MSP agreed to continue as Convener of the Group. Her nomination was put forward by Craig Denham and seconded by Patrick Harvey MSP. She was elected unopposed.

Iain Gray MSP agreed to continue as Deputy Convener of the Group. His nomination was put forward by Craig Denham and seconded by Clare Adamson MSP. He was elected unopposed.

Craig Denham agreed to continue as Secretary of the Group on behalf of the RSE. His nomination was put forward by Clare Adamson MSP and seconded by Stephen Benn. He was elected unopposed.

As the CPG does not ask for membership fees from members, no Treasurer was elected.

5. Dates of future meetings

The CPG agreed to meet on the following dates:

- Tuesday 10 December 2019 at 6pm with the topic of Aerospace
- Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 6pm with the topic of Combatting Climate Change
- Wednesday 13 May 2020 at 6pm with an as yet undetermined topic

All of the meetings will take place in Committee Room 5 of the Scottish Parliament.

6. Any other business

No additional business was raised.

7. T.B. Macaulay lecture on Sustainable Development.

The Group were invited to move on to the 43rd Annual TB Macaulay lecture being delivered by Prof Dieter Helm.

The meeting closed at 5.45pm