

**CROSS PARTY GROUP (CPG) ON IMPROVING SCOTLAND'S HEALTH: 2021 AND BEYOND**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019, 5.30PM TO 7PM IN COMMITTEE ROOM 5 OF THE SCOTTISH  
PARLIAMENT**

**MINUTE**

**PRESENT**

**MSPs**

David Stewart MSP	co-Convener, and Convener for today's meeting
Brian Whittle MSP	co-Convener
Kenneth Gibson MSP	co-Convener

**Invited Guests**

Morris Fraser	The Scottish Government
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**Non MSP Group Members**

Linda Alexander	Children's Health Scotland
Rosa Brunekreeft	Obesity Action Scotland
Graeme Callander	Drink Wise, Age Well
Julie Cavanagh	Faculty of Public Health in Scotland
Claire Burnett	Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Scotland
Alison Douglas	Alcohol Focus Scotland
Sheila Duffy	ASH Scotland
John Fellows	Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow
Andrew Fraser	Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland
Frederike Garbe	NHS Lothian
Jonathan Sher	Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland
Laurence Gruer	Individual Member
Anna Gryka-Macphail	Obesity Action Scotland
Kristin Hartman	ASH Scotland
Mathis Heydtmann	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Amy Hickman	Breast Cancer Now
Elizabeth Hurst-High	ASH Scotland
Colwyn Jones	Individual Member
Andy MacGregor	ScotCen Social Research
Ian McCall	Paths for All
Alison McCallum	NHS Lothian
Nicola Merrin	Alcohol Focus Scotland
Elma Murray	Scottish Obesity Alliance
Rebecca Sibbett	Alcohol Focus Scotland
Debbie Sigerson	NHS Health Scotland
Debbie Storm	ASH Scotland

Valerie Smith	ASH Scotland
Yvonne Taynor	NHS Health Scotland
Steve Turner	Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Scotland
Drew Walker	NHS Tayside
Laura Wilson	Food Standards Scotland
Holly Gabriel	Action on Sugar

**APOLOGIES**

David Blane	University of Glasgow
Julie Breslin	Addaction
Christina Buckton	The Institute of Health and Wellbeing, University of Glasgow
Eric Carlin	SHAAP
Emma Crawshaw	Crew 2000 (Scotland)
Lucia D’Ambroso	Centre for Global Development, University of Glasgow
Kenny Harrison	Local Licensing Forum, Argyll and Bute Council
Claire Hislop	NHS Health Scotland
Justina Murray	Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs
Lindsay Paterson	Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
Brian Pringle	WLDAS
Peter Rice	SHAAP
Bruce Ritson	SHAAP
Claire Stevens	Voluntary Health Scotland
Joyce Thompson	British Dietetic Association
Lorraine Tulloch	Obesity Action Scotland

**PART ONE**

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<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome by the Convener, David Stewart MSP</b></p> <p>The Convener welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular, Morris Fraser from the Public Health Policy team at The Scottish Government. The Minister was unable to attend the meeting. Morris provided an update to the Group on the five new Government health action plans and strategies, and the new public health priorities and body.</p> <p>This was the third Annual General Meeting of the Group and Part Two of the meeting would deal with the formal business of the Group.</p> <p>A report of the third year’s activities of the Group had been circulated with the papers for the meeting:-</p> <p>The CPG had met a three times over the past year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Group’s second Annual General Meeting was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018, attended by the Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing Joe FitzPatrick MSP. The Minister gave an overview of the five new</li> </ul>	

	<p>Government health action plans and strategies, and the new public health priorities and body. This was followed by questions and answers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Dr Nathan Critchlow from the University of Stirling and Ms Vivienne Maclaren from Scottish Women’s Football attended the meeting. The topic discussion was ‘Marketing unmasked: dispelling the myths and taking a stand’. Subsequent to this meeting co-Convener, Kenneth Gibson MSP, had lodged a related motion which was debated in Parliament.</li> <li>• On 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 guest speakers were Tom Bennett from Forth Valley Recovery Community and Stephanie Girdwood from Happy Valleys in Lanarkshire. The topic for discussion was ‘Empowered communities reducing use of and harm from unhealthy commodities’.</li> </ul> <p>Each meeting was attended by between 30 and 50 people. The Group has brought together a variety of stakeholders from different fields, from politicians and public health organisations, to service providers, academics and members of the public. Now one of the largest CPGs, membership currently consists of 72 organisations, 6 individuals, and 9 MSPs.</p> <p>It had been an active third year of the Group and membership, encompassing interesting speakers and vital topics and the Group looked forward greatly to the fourth year.</p> <p>The Convener invited Morris Fraser to address the meeting, and it was noted questions and discussion would follow.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Address by Morris Fraser, Acting Head of Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs, Health Improvement Division of the Scottish Government</b></p> <p>Morris Fraser thanked the Group for the invitation to attend the meeting and gave an overview of the Government action to-date on the areas of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and diet.</p> <p>A lively discussion followed, with questions and answers taking place. Morris indicated he would provide as full answers as he could to questions, but would liaise with the Minister on any questions not fully answered and respond to the secretariat.</p> <p>The Convener extended thanks to Morris for speaking to the Group and for providing such thorough responses to the wide-ranging questions raised. The Group looked forward to receiving written follow up to those questions that Morris had indicated he would take back to colleagues.</p>	

**PART TWO**

**It was confirmed that the meeting was quorate with the minimum required number of 2 MSPs being present**

<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome to new members and apologies for absence</b></p> <p>The number of apologies received (as detailed above) was 16 group members</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Declaration of Interests (Standing Item)</b></p> <p>Members were asked to declare any updates to their original declared interests, and to highlight any conflicts of interest specific to today's meeting.</p> <p>There were no declarations.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Previous Meetings</b></p> <p><b>Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b> The minutes were approved as correct, and there were no matters arising.</p> <p><b>Meetings also took place on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018.</b></p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Office Bearer Elections – co-Conveners/Secretariat</b></p> <p><b>Election of Secretariat</b> ASH Scotland and Alcohol Focus Scotland had expressed willingness to continue as joint Secretariat to the Group. The Group was asked to approve their appointment for a further year. The Group approved the appointments.</p> <p>At this point in the meeting the co-Conveners stood down from office and the chairing of the meeting was passed to the Secretariat.</p> <p><b>Election of Co-Conveners</b> David Stewart MSP, Kenneth Gibson MSP and Brian Whittle MSP had all expressed their willingness to continue as co-Conveners of the Group.</p> <p>The Group was asked to approve their appointments for another year. This was agreed unanimously.</p> <p>The co-Conveners were thus appointed for a further year, and David Stewart MSP, took over the chairing of the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Draft Annual Return</b></p> <p>The draft Annual Return had been circulated with the papers.</p> <p>The Group approved the Annual Return. This will now be submitted to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee of the Parliament.</p>	<p><b>VS</b></p>

8.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Alison Douglas highlighted that the Recovery Walk would take place on 21<sup>st</sup> September in Inverness.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Date of meetings 2020</b></p> <p>It was proposed that three meetings be held in 2020, namely in February, June and September 2020. Dates and venues to be confirmed.</p> <p>The Convener asked members if they were still happy with the timing of the meetings at 5.30pm to 7pm. There was general agreement to continue with this timing.</p>	

**The Convener thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.**