

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2020, 1PM TO 1.30PM OVER VIDEO CONFERENCE

MINUTE

PRESENT

MSPs

Brian Whittle MSP co-Convener, and Convener for today's meeting

David Stewart MSP co-Convener

Alison Johnstone MSP

Non MSP Group Members

Alison Douglas Alcohol Focus Scotland

Sheila Duffy ASH Scotland

Nicola Merrin Alcohol Focus Scotland

Jonathan Sher Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland

Lorraine Tulloch Obesity Action Scotland

Helen Reilly Royal Pharmaceutical Society

Mathis Heydtmann NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

APOLOGIES

Kenneth Gibson MSP

Jenny Marra MSP

Ruth Campbell British Dietetic Association

Emma Crawshaw Crew 2000 (Scotland)

Andrew Fraser Public Health Scotland

Jardine Simpson Scottish Recovery Consortium

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

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| 3. | Welcome to new members and apologies for absence The number of apologies received (as detailed above) was 6 group members New Members The Breastfeeding Network – joined June 2020 Asthma UK and British Lung Foundation Partnership - joined September 2020 | |
| 4. | Declaration of Interests (Standing Item) Members were asked to declare any updates to their original declared interests, and to highlight any conflicts of interest specific to today’s meeting. There were no declarations. | |
| 5. | Previous Meetings Meeting – 26th February 2020 The minutes were approved as correct. It was noted that Kenneth Gibson MSP tabled a motion on 10 th March highlighting the discussion at the meeting of the Group in February. This led to a member’s debate on the 8 th September on the need to recognise the prevalence and significant impact of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) in Scotland. Meetings also took place on 16 September 2020 and 3rd October 2018. | |
| 6. | Office Bearer Elections – co-Conveners/Secretariat Election of Secretariat 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. At this point in the meeting the co-Conveners stood down from office and the chairing of the meeting was passed to the Secretariat. Election of Co-Conveners All three co-Conveners, David Stewart MSP, Kenneth Gibson MSP and Brian Whittle MSP had expressed their willingness to continue as co-Conveners of the Group for the remainder of the parliamentary term. | |

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| | <p>The Group was asked to approve their appointments for another year. This was agreed unanimously.</p> <p>The three co-Conveners were thus appointed for a further year, and Brian Whittle MSP took over the chairing of the meeting.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Draft Annual Return</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> | VS |
| 8. | <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No business.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>Date of meetings 2021</p> <p>The Convener asked members if they are still happy with the timing of the meetings at 5.30pm to 7pm. There was general agreement to continue with this timing but to consider closer to the date of the next meeting whether it can be slightly earlier to take advantage of the flexibility of video conferencing.</p> <p>The Secretariat will circulate a proposed date for the next meeting soon.</p> | |

The Convener thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.