

The Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse

Virtual Business Meeting

Thursday 24th June 2021

In attendance

Fulton MacGregor MSP, Daniel Johnson MSP, Collette Stevenson MSP, Sandra Brown, Moira Anderson Foundation, Anne Macdonald, Health & Social Care Adviser, Janine Rennie, Wellbeing Scotland

Apologies

Katy Clark MSP, Brian Whittle MSP, Ross Greer MSP

This meeting is viewed as a short business meeting to enable the Cross Party Group to appoint Office Bearers to enable the group to Re- Register prior to summer recess.

Fulton welcomed everyone to the meeting and intimated that unless any other MSP wished to act as Convener he was happy to take on this role. He requested Anne to take over as Chair for the next part of the meeting. It was agreed that Fulton MacGregor MSP should be appointed as Convener. Approved Janine Rennie, Seconded Sandra Brown.

Fulton resumed Chair and asked for approval for nomination for a Depute Convener. Daniel Johnson MSP agreed to this appointment. Approved Fulton MacGregor, Seconded Anne Macdonald.

Anne and Janine are willing to continue to act as Co- Conveners. Approved Fulton MacGregor, Seconded Sandra Brown.

Sandra Brown is willing to continue as Treasurer. Approved Fulton MacGregor, Seconded Janine Rennie.

It was agreed that Anne will complete the Registration form and submit to Standards for approval.

Any Other Business

As the Redress for Survivors (Historical Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill will continue to have considerable work over the coming months during recess it was agreed that Janine and Anne who have made contributions to the Education & Skills Committee and work with survivors of in care abuse will follow its progress. The group can consider asking its Chair, once appointed, to provide input to the group.

As the full membership will not meet until the next session of Parliament it was agreed we will ask them for their thoughts on what the priorities and work the group should focus on.

We had agreed prior to recess that we update on the effects COVID 19 is having on survivors and the agencies that provide them with support, the Redress for Survivors (Historical Abuse In Care) (Scotland) Bill and Improving the Management of Sexual Offence Cases.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14th September at 1.00 pm was proposed, with understanding this may change.

Fulton thanked everyone for their attendance and commitment to this important Cross Party Group.