

Cross-Party Group on Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse

Date and Time

29th June 2022 at 6.00 pm

Minute

MSPs Present

Daniel Johnson MSP, Fulton MacGregor MSP, Collette Stevenson MSP

Invited guests - None

Non MSP Group Members

Emma Bryson Speak Out Survivors, Anne Macdonald, Health & Social care Adviser, Dr Sarah Nelson, University of Edinburgh, Janine Rennie, Wellbeing Scotland, Gillian Urquhart, Moira Anderson Foundation, David Whelan, FBGA

Apologies

Sandra Brown, Moira Anderson Foundation, Lynn Burns, Break the Silence, Ellie Forgan, KASP, Shiela Gaul, Retired Social Worker, Tammy Kirk, Health in Mind, Dr Javita Narang, International Consultant, Trauma Care, Malcolm Rodger, QHSE Adviser & Survivor Dr Eric Swanepoel, Writer & Researcher, Brian Whittle MSP

Agenda item 1

Election of Office Bearers

Convener: Fulton MacGregor MSP
Proposed: Daniel Johnson MSP
Seconded: Collette Stevenson MSP

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Proposed: Fulton MacGregor MSP
Seconded: Collette Stevenson MSP

Co Convener (Secretary): Anne Macdonald
Proposed: Fulton MacGregor MSP
Seconded: Sarah Nelson

Co Convener: Janine Rennie
Proposed: Fulton MacGregor MSP
Seconded: Emma Bryson

Treasurer: Sandra Brown
Proposed: Fulton MacGregor MSP
Seconded: Janine Rennie

Agenda item 2

Convener's Report Group Meetings and Activities: June 2021- June 2022

24th June 2021 Inaugural meeting (Session 6) and Election of Office Bearers and new MSP members

- Updated Remit and Purpose of Group
- Updated on Redress Scotland
- Update on Covid 19
- Update on Improving the Management of Sexual Offence Case

14th September 2021

- Update on Covid 19 and its effects for survivors and agencies
- Update on Redress Scotland Scheme
- New website
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Not Proven Verdict and Corroboration
- Trauma Informed Curriculum
- Improving the Management of Sexual Offences Cases

17th November 2021

- Update on Covid 19 and its effects for survivors and agencies. Letter to Mr John Swinney MSP Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
- Updates on Redress Scotland Scheme
- New website
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Not Proven Verdict and Corroboration
- Trauma Informed Curriculum
- Improving the Management of Sexual Offences Cases

26th January 2022

- Update on Covid 19 and its effects for survivors and agencies and response from Mr John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
- Updates on Redress Scotland Scheme
- Justice Issues for Survivors
- Website
- Not Proven Verdict

20th April 2022

- Update from Brian Whittle MSP on meeting with the Lord Advocate
- Update on Covid 19 and its effects for survivors and survivor agencies
- Update on Redress Scotland Scheme
- Update on Justice Issues for Survivors
- Presentation by Dr Sarah Nelson on: Use of Character Witnesses for Defendants in Childhood Sexual Abuse Cases – the dangers
- Presentation by Matthew McVarish from BRAVE Movement: End Childhood Sexual Violence and Global Survivor Action Summit.

7th June 2022

- Presentation by Stuart Allardyce, Director, Stop It Now! Scotland
- Discussion on the Cross Party Group for the Prevention and Healing of Adverse Childhood Experiences Commission of Inquiry into the Delivery of 70/30 (excluding childhood sexual abuse).

Agenda item 3

Treasurer's Report : 2021-2022

By consensus in early spring, 2020, due to Pandemic restrictions, it was agreed that meetings would be held virtually rather than in person till further notice.

The CPG members agreed to waive the annual membership fee of £15 for organisations and £5 for individuals and students and this decision remains in operation till face to face meetings resume.

Our costs for catering, guest speaker expenses and events are all met from the budget we hold raised from yearly subscriptions. As no meetings, networking events/presentations have been able to occur, I declare there have been no outgoings over the period, and our account remains static.

Our balance at the end of the financial year earned 0.08 interest, therefore on April 1st 2022 it was: **£640.78**

Agenda item 4

AOCB

Mr Swinney has given his apologies for cancelling our discussion set for the 28th June due to unforeseen parliamentary business.

It was agreed we will invite Mr Swinney to attend a meeting in September to discuss Redress as well as setting a date for a general business meeting.

Fulton thanked everyone for all their efforts over the past year.