

# **CROSS PARTY GROUP IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ON CONSTRUCTION**

1pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Committee room 4 - The Clerk Maxwell Room

## **AGM Minutes**

Present

### **MSPs**

Monica Lennon MSP  
Grahame Simpson MSP

### **Invited guests**

David Logue, Gardiner & Theobald LLP  
Andrew Stupart, Reiach & Hall

### **Non-MSP Group Members Present**

Grahame Barn, CECA Scotland  
Raymond Baxter, NHBC  
Gordon Brown, ICE  
William Crowe, ISE  
Anne Galbraith, SECTT  
Alan Wilson SELECT  
Cameron MacIver, AECOW  
Barri Millar, The Church of Scotland  
Gordon Nelson, FMB  
Chris Pateman, EPIC  
Euan Ryan, RICS  
Jennifer Smart, BE-ST  
Karen Stevenson, RIAS  
Alan Wilson, SELECT

### **Others present**

Graham Jackson, Thorntons Law LLP  
Hector Macaulay, Balfour Beatty  
Robert Ogg, Robertson Construction

Alastair Raitt, HM Raitt & Sons Ltd  
Ross Taylor, Gillespie MacAndrew LLP  
Maureen Douglas, Angus Council

## **Apologies**

Ann-Marie Waugh Glass and Glazing Federation  
Stephen Slessor, Morrison Construction  
Ian Rogers, Scottish Decorators Federation  
Brett Amphlett, BMF  
Arthur McIvor Energy & Utility Skills  
Stephen Good, BE-ST  
Fiona Hodgson, SNIPEF  
John Kane  
Elliot Robertson, Robertson Construction  
Katy Clark MSP  
Alexander Burnett MSP  
Stephen Fawcett  
Peter Reekie, Scottish Futures Trust  
Tony Brunton  
Jocelyn Fleming, CIOB

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

The Convener Monica Lennon (ML) welcomed everyone back to the Parliament for today's AGM and ordinary meeting after a break of over 30 months. ML noted that in the interim, the Cross-Party Group (CPG) had a successful run of virtual meetings during and after the various pandemic related lockdowns.

ML reminded those present that this CPG will be the forum for Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs), construction industry stakeholders and interested parties to engage directly with each other in order to raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges facing the sector and to better inform the development of policy.

ML added that since the CPG was formally awarded recognition by The Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee for session 6 of the Scottish Parliament in September 2021, we have met online to discuss:

- The Materials and supply chain challenges impacting the construction industry.
- People and fair work within the construction industry.

- The challenge and opportunity for the construction industry in de-carbonising our built environment.
- The Health and Safety Executive also shared and discussed their strategy, priorities and workplan for the construction with our CPG last Autumn.

The Secretary Gordon Nelson (GN) noted he will confirm the apologies received in the minutes.

## **2. Notes from the inaugural meeting of the CPG in Session 6 of the Scottish Parliament on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

No comments or clarifications were raised. The notes were proposed by William Crowe (WC) and seconded by Grahame Barn (GB).

## **3. Accounts for the period to 30th September 2022**

The CPG's Treasurer GB passed everyone copies of the audited accounts for the period up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. GB noted that as no in-person meetings had taken place over the past year, the closing balance of £520.07 is the same as the opening balance. No request this year from the treasurer for CPG members to pay subscriptions.

GB added that expenditure for today's sandwich lunch will be covered in the 2022/23 accounts.

## **4. Election of Office Bearers**

### **4.1 Convener (currently Monica Lennon MSP).**

No other MSP had put their name forward, Graham Simpson MSP proposed ML for the position. All present approved. ML confirmed as the CPG's Convener.

### **4.2 Deputy Conveners (currently Alexander Burnett MSP & Paul McLennan MSP)**

ML proposed that Alexander Burnett (AB) MSP and Paul McLennan (PM) MSP as our Deputy Conveners. All present approved. AB and PM confirmed as joint Deputy Conveners.

#### 4.3 Secretary (currently Gordon Nelson)

No other proposals received from non-MSP members. GN confirmed that he is willing to continue. All present approved. GN confirmed as the Secretary.

#### 4.4 Treasurer (currently Grahame Barn)

No other proposals received from non-MSP members. GB confirmed that he is willing to continue. All present approved. GB confirmed as the Treasurer.

ML thanked GB and GN for their continued work supporting the activities of the CPG.

### 5. Proposals for new members of the CPG

ML confirmed that two proposals were received in advance of the AGM. One is from John Kane, who is absent today but John is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and would like to join as an individual member of the CPG.

The second proposal is from Scottish Canals to become an organisational member of the CPG.

All present agreed that they were happy with both proposals. Scottish Canals and John Kane confirmed as members of the CPG on Construction.

### 6. Date of next AGM

To be advised in 2023. ML noted that Parliamentary rules dictate that all CPG AGM's must be within 11-13 months of the previous meeting. The 2023 AGM will be held on a date between September to November 2023

ML thanked all those present and closed the 2022 AGM.

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