

# Cross-Party Group on St. Andrew's Day

On-line meeting Wed. 20 September 2023

Minute

Present

MSPs

Michelle Thomson, Alex Rowley, Stephanie Callaghan, Jackie Dunbar

Invited guests

None

Non-MSP Group Members

Joe Goldblatt, Callum MacLeod, Dennis Canavan, Gerry McGarvey, Chelsea Taylor,

Apologies

David Lonsdale, Maurice Corry, Craig Hoy, Jalal Chaudry, Murdo Fraser, Rev. Neil Galbraith

Agenda item 1

Minutes of meeting held on 27 June 2023 were approved. No matters arising.

Agenda item 2

## **Scottish Parliament event on 29 Nov, 2023**

The Scottish Parliament Events Team will provide funding for musical programme only but not for food, refreshments etc.

Agreed to have Plan A: an event on similar scale to last year's ;

Plan B: scaled down event.

Agreed to form event sub-group: MT, AR, JG, DC. Meet on-line Wed. 27 Sept. 6pm

Aim for 150 attendees at event.

MT to contact Paul McLennan's office re. last year's invitation list. Aim to finalise invitation list by 1 Oct.

Suggested sponsors: Belhaven (MT to ask Paul McLennan to approach Belhaven), Edenmill, Walkers Shortbread (JG to contact Walkers), Tunnock's.

DC to remind MT to contact Tavish Scott and David Lonsdale (SRC) and Scottish Grocers Federation.

DC to send MT running order from last year.

JG to invite Prof. Sally Mapstone, Principal of St. Andrew's University to be main speaker and also to ask if the university would again sponsor the event.  
GM to contact Laura Fyfe, Stirling Makar. JG to send GM copy of last year's poem.  
SC suggested inviting "Sensational Choir".  
DC to remind MT to approach her contact with "Making Music Day" re. possibility of Ukrainian Choir.  
DC to ask CPG members for any further suggestions  
JG to contact voluntary organisations re. possibility of stalls at event.  
Ask Scottish Parliament for more funding

## Agenda item 3

### **Consultation on future strategy**

DC reported that the questionnaire had been sent out to over 100 individuals/organisations, home and abroad, with a covering letter from Convener. So far, only 13 responses. It was agreed that a chase-up letter be sent. JG has arranged for a student to collate and analyse responses, once a substantial number has been received.

## Agenda item 4

### **Date of next meeting**

Wed. 1 November at 6pm (Hybrid)