

# Cross-Party Group AGM on WASPI

Sept 13 2023

Minute

Present

MSPs

Katy Clark  
Maggie Chapman  
Carol Mochan

Non-MSP Group Members

C Houston  
L Paterson  
M Eley  
W Millar  
F Brown  
L Carmichael  
R Dickson  
E Loch  
Liz D Daly  
C McMillan  
J Stevenson  
K Birney  
C O'Hara  
C Barbour  
L McColl  
L Quinn  
C Martinez  
M Dawson  
Z Pennington  
A Jackson  
Anne Potter (Secretariat)

Apologies

J Baillie  
C Haughey  
E Cawley  
Peter Aldous  
L Craighead

A Dowling  
A White  
H Wallace  
B Wishart

## Action Points

AP 2/5 KC confirmed she is still hoping Prem Sika will attend CPG. He is Professor of Accountancy & has past experience of working on WASPI issues mainly relating to compensation for 2019 Labour manifesto.

AP 2/6 Meeting with WASPI 2018 Steering group postponed. ONGOING

AP 3/6 WASPI motion to be refreshed with CPG MSPs working on the rewording together. ONGOING

AP4/6 Members debate to be discussed by CPG MSP's. ONGOING

AP 1/7 KC to write to Tory MSP Pam Gosal regarding joining or taking part in CPG.

## AGM Business

Convener Katy Clark Re elected  
Co Conveners Beatrice Wishart & Maggie Chapman  
Secretariat Anne Potter

## WASPI Groups Update

Katy Clark welcomed all.

LC confirmed she & her group been very busy & attended many events in Glasgow, Aberdeen & Edinburgh meeting up with politicians from various parties on her travels. WM reported on the various events in Glasgow & Renfrewshire, making good contacts with politicians at every opportunity. She also wanted to thank LC for her representation at UNISON conference.

RD stated the Govanhill Carnival proved to be a worthwhile event & she is continuing to take part in UNITE pension group stall activities providing information on the campaign.

AP Thanked Carmen Martinez of SWBG for attending meeting for first time & she confirmed she was keen to hear about the campaign & the activities we are involved with.

JS of CWU will report back on availability of STUC stalls & if literature required.

LDD advised WASPI Campaign 2018 having AGM Sept 20. She also reported there had been a Westminster round table event recently which reps from WASPI Ltd & Campaign 2018 attended.

## PHSO/APPG Update

Peter Aldous of APPG unable to attend. However he did say disappointingly nothing to report at this stage since the rewrite of PHSO Stage 2 report still not available.

## MSP/MP Support

KC confirmed it had been difficult ensuring we had sufficient MSP attendance for our CPG however we have now been joined by Clare Haughey MSP & Maggie Chapman. This has been welcomed by all. LDD expressed concern she had written to Pam Gosal MSP to ask her to attend CPG but had not had a response. KC will try & contact her & ask her to join. KC also suggested she might find out who the MSPs responsible for women's issues are.

WM commented campaign members are being encouraged to engage with their MSPs & MPs in an effort to maintain their interest in the WASPI issues.

AP confirmed that this is particularly important in Rutherglen & Hamilton West constituency leading up to the Bi election October 5 emphasising we are interested to hear from all parties what their plans for WASPI are going forward & how they will handle the eventual PHSO judgement. KC suggested all PPCs should communicate with APPG for a full understanding of the issues.

## AOB

AP mentioned attending the UN International day for Older Persons in Holyrood Sept 27.

LC is attending SNP Conference in Aberdeen Oct 15-17 followed by Greens conference in Dunfermline.

RD reminded all of the WASPI Scotland AGM Sept 26.

KC thanked all for attending & closed meeting.