

# Cross-Party Group on Wellbeing Economy

31<sup>st</sup> of March, 6:30 – 7:00 pm

## Minutes

## Present

### MSPs

Paul McLennan MSP (convenor)  
Emma Harper MSP  
Maurice Golden MSP

### Non-MSP Group Members

Martin Avila (Community Enterprise in Scotland)  
Snow Curtis-Kolu (Includem)  
Hannah Ormston (Carnegie Trust UK)  
Murray Ferguson (Cairngorms National Park Authority)  
Gill Davies (Scottish Communities Climate Action Network)  
Philip Revell (Scottish Communities Climate Action Network)  
Catherine Robertson (UN House Scotland)  
Lyn Jardine (Office of Paul McLennan MSP)  
Lukas Hardt (Wellbeing Economy Alliance Scotland)

## Apologies

Ariane Burgess MSP  
Michelle Thomson MSP  
Tom Sneddon (Development Trust Association Scotland)

## 1 Welcome

Welcome from Convenor Paul McLennan MSP

## 2 Election of office holders

Neil Gray MSP had to step down as deputy convenor earlier this year. Maurice Golden proposed Emma Harper to become the new deputy convenor, which was seconded by Paul McLennan. Emma Harper was confirmed as deputy convenor without objections.

## 3 Plans for upcoming meetings:

#### Overarching goals and principles:

- Defining a Wellbeing Economy vision and shared understanding and make it tangible by linking it to real challenges.
- Exploring a Wellbeing Economy at several levels of stakeholders. What does it mean at the national level, in different localities, in rural and urban settings, for businesses or for individuals?
- Include voices of those impacted the most, we can't just talk to experts.

#### Opportunities for political influencing:

- Wellbeing Economy Monitor and Framework; Paul submitted a general question in parliament on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> of March (question and answer in the appendix)
- National Planning Framework
- Community Wealth Building Bill
- Sustainable Development and Wellbeing Bill

#### Ideas for meeting topics:

- Build on Local Wellbeing Economy theme by inviting Clackmannanshire Council to present on their Wellbeing Economy trial supported by government. Cairngorms National Park authority is also running a Wellbeing Economy project.
- Joint meeting planned with CPGs on Social Enterprise, Cooperatives, Fair Trade and Credit Unions, discussing how they could contribute to Wellbeing Economy and/or Community Wealth Building
- Universal Basic Income, Jamie Cooke from RSA could be an interesting speaker
- The role of business in a Wellbeing Economy

#### Potential activities:

- CPG meetings
- Roundtables
- Work with SPICe, e.g. to produce research on measuring Wellbeing Outcomes
- Enquiries asking for submissions of evidence/experience on specific topics
- Make links with other CPGs, e.g. invite other secretaries along to our meetings

#### Actions:

- Lyn to liaise with SPICe about research on measuring Wellbeing Economy
- Paul, Lyn and Lukas to produce work plan for the coming year and present to the group before the next meeting
- Paul, Lyn and Lukas to schedule next meeting

## Appendix

General Question submitted by Paul McLennan MSP for parliamentary session on 31st of March. Question was not taken in the chamber due to time constraints.

Paul McLennan (East Lothian) (Scottish National Party): To ask the Scottish Government what consultation will be undertaken in preparing the Wellbeing Economy Monitor and the Wellbeing Economy Framework, recently highlighted in Scotland's National Strategy for Economic Transformation.

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Ivan McKee: The Wellbeing Economy Monitor and Framework are being developed as tools to help realise the Scottish Government's vision to build a wellbeing economy in Scotland.

The development of these tools has been informed by the consultations we conducted on the National Strategy for Economic Transformation, as well as previous consultations including the Citizens' Assembly of Scotland, the Social Renewal Advisory Board, and that which informed the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery.

These tools are also being informed by engagement with key stakeholders and the Wellbeing Economy Governments group, as well as our Wellbeing Economy Pilot Project with Clackmannanshire Council.