

Cross-Party Group on the Circular Economy

29th October 2025, 2:00-2.30pm

Online via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Present

MSPs

Maurice Golden MSP, Annie Wells MSP

Non-MSP Group Members and Guests

Catherine Gemmell (Marine Conservation Society), Kim Pratt (Friends of the Earth Scotland), Daniel Hale (Marine Conservation Society), Nicki Souterlfeyinwa Kanu (IntelliDigest), Paul Smith

Apologies

Monica Lennon MSP, Sarah Boyack MSP, Catherine Gunby (Fidra)

Welcome

- Group convener Maurice Golden MSP welcomed everyone and proposed that Annie Wells MSP be adopted as a new member, which was seconded by Paul Smith.
- Maurice Golden and Paul Smith proposed and seconded the minutes of the previous meeting.

Election of Office Bearers

- Annie Wells MSP proposed Maurice Golden MSP be elected as convener, which was seconded by Paul Smith.

- Maurice Golden MSP proposed that Lorna Slater MSP and Monica Lennon MSP be elected as Deputy Conveners, which was seconded by Paul Smith.
- All representatives of Friends of the Earth Scotland, the Marine Conservation Society and Fidra agreed to remain in post as the secretariat and were proposed and seconded by Maurice Golden MSP and Paul Smith.

Next Meeting

- Maurice Golden MSP noted that current parliamentary business meant it was challenging to find times for CPG sessions and that the next meeting would likely be the final one for this year.
- Kim Pratt advised that the secretariat we're waiting to hear back from speakers before invitations were to be sent out.
- Catherine Gemmell suggested it would be useful to convene a meeting of the secretariat to help plan the inclusion of a review of the group's activities over the parliamentary session for inclusion at the next meeting.
- Paul Smith said he would set up a Teams session within the coming week to facilitate that.
- Maurice Golden then drew the meeting to a close.