

Cross-Party Group on Disability – AGM

Thursday 27 July 2023 at 12.30pm on Zoom

(Re-run AGM part of meeting - from 7 June 2023)

Minute

Present

MSPs

Jeremy Balfour MSP
Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP
Alexander Stewart MSP
James Dornan MSP
Paul O’Kane MSP

Invited guests

Morag Innes (office of Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP)

Non-MSP Group Members

Dr Caroline Gould
Mike Harrison
Lyn Pornaro
Ian Buchanan
Stephanie Fraser
Maggie Ellis
Alison Skillin
Tony Slaven

Apologies

Jackie Baillie MSP
Gillian Mackay MSP
Stanley Flett

Agenda item 1

Jeremy Balfour MSP welcomed everyone to the meeting including his MSP colleagues. He apologised for having to 're-run' the AGM part of business from the hybrid meeting held on 7 June 2023, as it transpired at the end of the meeting, that those who had attended on-line could not hear the AGM business.

Jeremy confirmed apologies have been received and would be recorded in the minute.

Jeremy asked the Members to approve the minutes of the AGM of 7 June 2022 and they were agreed.

Maggie Ellis raised a comment regarding attendees listed in the minutes and it was clarified that her name is listed on the minute of 7 June 2023 and her name would be added to the minute of 7 June 2022.

Jeremy then asked for nominations of the Election of Office Bearers:-

Convener - Jeremy confirmed he was happy to continue as Convener for another year, unless anyone else wanted to take over. Maggie Ellis confirmed his nomination, and James Dornan MSP seconded.

Deputy Convener - Pam Duncan-Glancy was elected as Deputy Convener, Proposed by Jeremy and seconded by James Dornan MSP.

Secretariat - Jeremy advised that Ian Buchanan from Disability Equality Scotland was standing down as Secretariat and thanked him for all his work in this role. Jeremy confirmed, that at the moment, there is no-one to fulfil the role but if anyone is interested to let him know. Julia Shillitto in his office will attend to Secretariat business in the meantime. Maggie Ellis advised the group that she had approached Stan Flett, by email to suggest he take on the role, but had not heard back from him yet. Jeremy confirmed he would wait to hear further on this suggestion.

Treasurer – Mike Harrison agreed to be elected again for another year as Treasurer, A nomination was proposed by Alison Skillin to appoint Maggie Ellis in the role, - Alison proposed Maggie but was not seconded. Jeremy proposed Mike Harrison and was seconded by James Dornan MSP. It was agreed Mike would continue in the role as Treasurer.

Agenda item 2

Treasurers Report – Mike Harrison informed the group that he supplied information each year. He confirmed that there have been no deposits or transactions for the last 3 years.

Jeremy advised that the Treasurer's Report indicated a balance of funds of £91.14 and no money had been added or deducted from this in the last 12 months.

Maggie Ellis commented that the funds should be used for tea and coffee at meetings. She suggested it at the last meeting but it was not provided and she wished the account activated and the funds used for this. Maggie had paid in £25 for this purpose.

Jeremy said that as the meeting in June was the first hybrid meeting, it was found that most people preferred the CPG on-line and not in person, and he would take further soundings on that, but would be very happy to provide the tea and coffee if people wanted it.

Jeremy advised the next meeting of the CPG on Disability on 13 September will be fully on-line. Beyond that tea and coffee will be provided, this was agreed by Pam Duncan-Glancy and seconded by Stephanie Fraser.

Agenda item 3

Any Other Business

Maggie Ellis asked for a formal report of the year's activities and accounts. Jeremy advised the Annual Report can be found on the Scottish Parliament website. Jeremy added that he is happy for the Annual Report to be circulated round Members once it is submitted.

Agenda item 4

There were no other matters arising and Jeremy again apologised for having to re-run the AGM. He thanked everyone for giving up a lunchbreak to attend. He thanked his MSP colleagues for their attendance and support of the CPG on Disability.

The meeting then closed.