

# Cross-Party Group on Gardening & Horticulture

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Q1.04, the Scottish Parliament**

## MINUTES

### Present

#### MSPs

- Rachael Hamilton MSP (Convenor)
- Annabelle Ewing MSP
- Sharon Dowey MSP (Virtual)

#### Non-MSP group members

- David Lydiat, HTA
- Neil Cumming, HTA
- Helen MacDonald, HTA
- James Barnes, HTA
- Jennifer Pheasey, HTA
- Brian Cunningham, Scone Palace
- Lewis Normand, I PlantsMan
- Juliette Camburn, Keep Scotland Beautiful
- Liz Steward, Scotland's Garden Scheme
- Jo Cook, Trellis Scotland
- David Knott, RBGE
- Raoul Curtis-Machin, RBGE
- Ruth Vichos, SRUC
- Claire Ghee, Scot Gov
- Ann Steele, National Trust Scotland

### Apologies

- Christine Grahame MSP
- Jackson Carlaw MSP
- Alex Rowley MSP

Agenda Item 1

### Welcome and apologies

The convenor welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted

Agenda Item 2

**Election of office bearers**

Rachael Hamilton MSP was re-elected convenor of the CPG

Christine Grahame MSP was re-elected deputy convenor of the CPG

The Horticultural Trades Association was elected secretariat of the CPG

Agenda Item 3

**Opening remarks and presentation on Scottish Environmental Horticulture Growth Strategy**

James Barnes, chairman of the HTA, provided opening remarks and made a short presentation on the HTA's Scottish Environmental Horticultural Growth Strategy.

Agenda Item 4

**Discussion of Scottish Environmental Horticulture Growth Strategy**

A discussion of the Growth Strategy between members was facilitated, chaired by the convenor.

Agenda Item 5

**AOB**

- Including recent member projects, education and horticulture in schools and the work of Trellis.

Agenda Item 6

**Next meeting**

Next meeting to be held after summer recess