

Cross-Party Group on Maritime and Shipbuilding

Date and Time: Wednesday 08 October 2025 at 7 pm

Minute

Present:

MSPs:

- Paul Sweeney MSP (Chair)
- Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP
- Neil Bibby MSP

Invited guests:

- Graeme Thomson, CEO of Ferguson Marine, general update on Ferguson Marine
- Update on Defence Growth Deal, Patrick Carnie and Brigadier Andrew Muddiman

Non-MSP Group Members:

- Andrew Muddiman
- Allan Dickson
- Col. Ali Ashow
- Rod Paterson
- Vikki Halliday
- Warwick Malcolm

- Leonore Frame
- Stuart Gallacher
- Iain Anderson

Apologies:

Agenda item 1: Welcome

Paul Sweeney MSP welcomed everyone in person and online to the meeting and stated that it was the October 2025 meeting for the CPG for Maritime and Shipbuilding and introduced guest speakers Graeme Thomson and Patrick Carnie.

Agenda item 2: Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Agenda item 3: Graeme Thomson, CEO of Ferguson Marine

Graeme Thomson provided an overview of the work Ferguson Marine are undertaking, focusing on what comes after the Glen Rosa. Fergusons will continue to support BAE Systems. Graeme spoke about his desire to see the Scottish public procurement rules match that of the rest of the UK to allow for social value weighting.

Agenda item 4: Brigadier Muddiman and Patrick Carnie provide an update on the Defence Growth Deal

Brigadier Muddiman stated that Scotland will play an important role in space capabilities and skills development as part of the Defence Growth Deal. Brig Muddiman outlined why Defence Growth Deals will be focussed on maritime.

Patrick Carnie spoke about the opportunities for Scotland as part of the Defence Growth Deals and discussed the view that Scotland will be the 'nexus' of shipbuilding in the UK. Patrick spoke about the details of the Defence Growth Deals, outlining that the MOD are still ironing out what they will specifically look like.

Agenda Item 5: AOB

None

Close: Paul thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10 December 2025 (6PM-8PM).