

Cross-Party Group on Music

Tuesday December 9th 2025 1800 - 2000

Agenda

Agenda item 1

Apologies for Absence recieved from

Ailsa Macintosh
Gayle Martin-Brown
Carol Main
Andrew Cruickshank
Diljeet Bhachu
David Munn
Paul MacAlinden
Lisa Whytock
Adam Behr
Alan Midwinter
Jenna Main
Matthew Whiteside
Jude Anderson
Emma Mortimore

Agenda item 2

Minutes and Matters Arising

Agenda item 3

MPEG Standing agenda Item

Graeme Smillie - MPEG

MPEG is developing further informal partnerships between local authority education and local music making groups. Research work shows flatlinging of budgets, and precariousness of short term work. GTCS consultancy on registration for instructors is underway.

Agenda item 4

Creative Scotland Review recommendations

Alan Morrison

Spoke about the advocacy role of creative scotland is restricted with little or no work with commercial music, and national orchestras.

272 organisations are now on long term funding.

Agenda item 5

Culture Fair Work Taskforce review recommendations

Caroline Sewell – MU

MU welcome the findings on fair work. Feel there are opportunities, that it is possibly not prescriptive enough recommendations. Some wide ranging recommendations.

Agenda item 6

Any Other Competent Business (AOCB)

Music Venue Trust

Expressed issues with how rates and rate relief is being calculated.

Agenda item 8

Musical Performances

Agenda item 9

Date of Next Meeting

With imminent parliament dissolution with upcoming elections, unlikely to be another meeting.

Continuance of the group will depend upon a new convenor after elections.