

Cross-Party Group on Older People, Age & Ageing

Wednesday 19th January 2022 11am-12pm

Minute

Present

MSPs

Jeremy Balfour MSP
Monica Lennon MSP
Richard Leonard MSP

Invited guests

Non-MSP Group Members

Tilly Robinson-Miles – Food Train/Eat Well Age Well
Diana Findley – SOPA
Catriona Melville – Age Scotland
Eileen Cawley - Scottish Pensioners Forum
Rose Jackson – Scottish Pensioners Forum
Anne Connor – Outside the Box
Christine Ryder – Outside the Box

Apologies

Rhoda Grant MSP
Christine Grahame MSP
Fulton Macgregor MSP
Katy Clark MSP

Agenda item 1

Purpose of the meeting

Jeremy Balfour MSP explained that the purpose of this initial meeting was to elect the office bearers for the groups and to discuss future meeting topics and the format of the meetings.

Agenda item 2

Office Bearers

It was agreed that the following would be the office bearers:

Convenor – Jeremy Balfour MSP

Deputy Convenor – Fulton Macgregor MSP (although Fulton was unable to make the meeting he and Jeremy had discussed it prior to the meeting)

Secretariat - Christine Ryder from Outside the Box

Treasurer - No treasurer was appointed as the group has no funds.

Action – Christine to complete registration form and send to Jeremy for signing & submitting.

Agenda item 3

Format of Meetings

Christine explained that the former CPG on Older People, Age & Ageing met 4 times per year in March, June, September and December it was agreed to continue to meet at these intervals.

It was agreed that the meetings would start at 1pm and alternate between Tuesdays and Thursdays.

There was a discussion about whether the meetings would be in person or digital. Christine explained that when the former CPG on Older People, Age & Ageing held meetings digitally more workers were able to attend however fewer older people attended. It was agreed that the March meeting would be digital and plan for the June meeting to be in person if possible. The format of the other meetings would be discussed at a future meeting.

Action – Christine to contact Julia for dates for this calendar year meetings.

Agenda item 4

Membership

As Outside the Box was the secretariat for the CPG on Older People, Age & Ageing they hold a copy of the membership. It was agreed to contact all the members on the membership list to asking them to confirm if they wish to be part of the new CPG on Older People.

Action – Christine to contact the membership and update the membership list.

Agenda item 5

Future Meeting Topics

The following ideas for future meeting topic were raised and discussed:

- The new National Care Service Legislation
- How older people can be more involved and what does that look like for older people
- Fuel bills & winter fuel benefits
- Assisted dying
- Older workers
- A discussion around do we need/should there be an Older People's Commissioner
- Anne's Law
- How does the net zero agenda around public transport affect older people
- The new fire alarm regulations
- Care at home provision

Agenda item 6

Priority topic for next meeting

It was agreed that the priority for the next meeting should be the National Care Service legislation as the Government are looking to produce the legislation by June so to ensure that the CPG has an opportunity to feed into the legislation it was decided that the focus of the meeting should be ensuring that the membership knows about the proposed National Care service and has the opportunity to feed in their views.

Action – Tilly & Catriona to present for 10 minutes each about the National Care Service, the meeting will then be opened up for discussion & comments