

Cross Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rural Policy

AGM Minutes

16th January 1.30-2.00 pm (online)

Minutes (unapproved)

Present

MSP attendees:

Edward Mountain MSP

Tim Eagle MSP

Colin Beattie MSP

Emma Harper MSP

Non -MSP attendees

Jane Atterton

James Calder

Mike Danson

Carey Doyle

Jim Hume

Grace Hutchinson

Holly McLennan

Carol McLaren

David Nasser

Ann Packard

Lorna Pate

Emily Peitka-Nykaza

Lorna Philip

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

Edward Mountain MSP (Group co-convenor) welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to re-elect the secretariat, co-convenors and to review the work the Group has carried out over the preceding year.

Apologies were provided in advance from David Glass and Theona Morrison.

2. AGM

- a) It was proposed by Jim Hume that SRUC would be re-elected as secretariat without challenge, this was seconded by Ann Packard.
- b) Edward Mountain MSP and Emma Harper MSP were re-elected as co-convenors without challenge, with Jim Hume proposing and Ann Packard seconding the motion.
- c) Information on the work carried out over the preceding year is available on SRUC Rural Policy Centre's (secretariat)'s website: <https://www.sruc.ac.uk/research/research-impact/rural-policy-centre/rural-policy-events/>. There was a discussion about how the previous meetings had gone and it was agreed that they should continue in the same format going forward.

3. AOB

The minutes from the June CPG which were not approved at the October CPG meeting were approved by Jim Hume and Edward Mountain MSP.

4. Next meeting

Edward Mountain MSP proposed a change to next meeting date to 28th January. This was agreed by all. Action - Edward Mountain MSP to arrange a new room booking and the secretariat to notify speakers and attendees of the date change.

The topic for the meeting is: What are the biggest threats to rural Scotland for the parliament to consider?

Edward Mountain MSP suggested that a short briefing be written on the basis of discussion at the January meeting for a future rural-focused Cross Party Group to consider.