

Showmen's Guild CPWG AGM

Minutes

In attendance:

Zoe Hisbent (David Torrance Secretary)
Theo Wilcocks (Showmen's Guild Secretary)
Leighton Tulloch (Showmen's Guild)
Philip Paris (Showmen's Guild)
Richard Wilmot (Showmen's Guild Vice Chairman)
Alex James Colquhoun (Showmen's Guild Chairman)
David Torrance MSP
John Mason MSP
Ivan McKee MSP
Jim Wilson (Scottish Government)
Miriam Wolanski (Wolanski's Pole and Aerial Fitness)
Carl Hagemann (ADIPS General Secretary)

Meeting Begin 18:00

1.) Election of Officials

- a. Convenor David Torrance MSP – vote succeeded.
- b. Deputy Convenor Jackson Carlaw MSP – vote succeeded.
- c. Secretary Theo Wilcocks – vote succeeded.

2.) Scottish Section Luncheon

- a. Thanks from David Torrance.
- b. Alex James Colquhoun < Inverclyde Council have interest in bringing back historical fair. I suggest a letter from the CPWG.
- c. Jim Wilson < I think targeted engagement is important.
- d. Alex James Colquhoun < Northern Section Luncheon is a bit larger, they have a lot more local councillors.
- e. Alex James Colquhoun < Apologies for any admin issues with the venue. Venue will change next year.

3.) Updates on Licensing/COSLA

- a. Jim Wilson < Best practice document is a good idea. I have spoken to Gillian Love regarding a best-practice document. We should showcase benefits to local councils and working relationships between Guild and Councils. A case study. Let's think about dates for further discussion.
- b. Alex James Colquhoun < It was raised at our AGM on 27th November that Renfrewshire example is the opposite of Fife. For example they impose dual licensing, and also take advantage of the "impose conditions you see fit" aspect of the law.
- c. John Mason < In this case, I suggest contacting local councillor/MSP.
- d. Alex James Colquhoun < I do believe that some of our members are afraid of council licensing teams. It can be a reluctance to "bite the hands that feed them" dynamic.
- e. Alex James Colquhoun < We had a specific issue with objections to a late hours extension in one council. Meanwhile alongside there was a dance/drinking aspect to the event going on beyond this time. After some discussions, objections were not upheld and basis did not materialise.
- f. Jim Wilson < In this case, a showcase to councils could be useful.
- g. Alex James Colquhoun < [In agreement] We want to avoid issues which stem from 32 Local Authorities doing everything in different ways.
- h. David Torrance < Highlighting good practice and bad practice can only help.
- i. Jim Wilson < Setting this event/meeting up before the next CPWG in February is doable.
- j. Philip Paris < The Showmen's Guild sections in England do not have any of these issues relating to licensing.
- k. Alex James Colquhoun < We want the Guild to be recognised for what it is, a liaison body for the members. We have had issues recently with perception of the Guild.
- l. Jim Wilson < There is also good opportunity to include ADIPS in this, to build recognition and trust.
- m. David Torrance < This is definitely worth giving a shot before having to approach public petitions committee.
- n. John Mason < Adapting the original system is likely to be the most successful avenue

4.) Dual Licensing

- a. Jim Wilson < Worth including in licensing document

5.) European Showmen's Union 2025

- a. Alex James Colquhoun < I support holding this in Edinburgh. Very good opportunity.
- b. David Torrance < Let's look at provisional dates.
- c. Ivan McKee < Would also promote the Showmen's Guild to more MSPs.
- d. John Mason < To clarify, this would include a reception in Parliament. There is no reason why the First Minister couldn't speak.

Alex James Colquhoun < I would also like to welcome Richard Wilmot as the newly elected Vice Chairman of The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain Scottish Section.

Meeting End 19:03