Cross-Party Group for Forestry and Wood Processing Industries

Wednesday 2nd September, 1.00pm, Committee Room 2

Minute

Present

MSPs

Finlay Carson MSP
Carol Mochan MSP
Jamie Langan MSP
Stephen Kerr MSP
Donald MacKinnon MSP
Andrew Baxter MSP
Emma Roddick MSP
Morven-May MacCallum MSP
Daniel Johnson MSP
Steven Bonnar MSP
Craig Hoy MSP

Invited guests

Non-MSP Group Members

Alastair Kerr, Director General, Wood Panel Industries Federation (WPIF)
David Leslie, Joint Managing Director, James Jones & Sons Ltd. (on behalf of Confor)
Andrew Laidler, Sales and Marketing Director, EGGER UK
George Webb, European Purchasing Director, West Fraser Europe Ltd.
David Robertson, Director of Investment and Business Development, Scottish Woodlands
Mark Cummings, Managing Director, Invicta Public Affairs
Richard Thomson, Senior Counsel, Invicta Public Affairs
Calum Heron, Account Executive, Invicta Public Affairs

Apologies

Laura Mitchell MSP
Gary Bouse MSP
Iris Duane MSP
David Green MSP

Agenda item 1

Finlay Carson MSP welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for the productive input between industry groups and MSPs in their initial discussions to form the CPG.

Agenda item 2

a. Convener: **Finlay Carson MSP (elected)**
    - Nominated by: Steven Bonnar MSP
    - Seconded by: Carol Mochan MSP

b. Vice Convener: **Carol Mochan MSP (elected)**
    - Nominated by: Finlay Carson MSP
    - Seconded by: Steven Bonnar MSP

- Vice Convener: **Jamie Langan MSP (elected)**
    - Nominated by: Finlay Carson MSP
    - Seconded by: Andrew Baxter MSP

- Vice Convener: **Andrew Baxter MSP (elected)**
    - Nominated by: Finlay Carson MSP
    - Seconded: Emma Roddick MSP

- Vice Convener: **Gary Bouse MSP (elected)**
    - Nominated by: Finlay Carson MSP
    - Seconded by: Steven Bonnar MSP

Agenda item 3

It was agreed that Invicta Public Affairs would be the group's secretariat.
Proposed by: Finlay Carson MSP
Verbally agreed by acclaim

Agenda item 4

Finlay Carson MSP read the names of registered MSP members:

Emma Roddick MSP
Iris Duane MSP
Craig Hoy MSP
Stephen Kerr MSP
David Green MSP
Steven Bonnar MSP

Agenda item 5

The name of the group was agreed as the Cross-Party Group for Forestry and Wood Processing Industries.

The purpose of the group was agreed as ‘To promote the wellbeing of the forestry and wood processing industries, and the wider health of the timber market in Scotland.’

Agenda item 6

There were no other items of business.

Agenda item 7

Finlay Carson MSP gave an overview of the next steps for constituting the group. He advised that the group would not be able to meet again, formally, until it has been granted recognition by the Parliament’s Standards Committee.

It was agreed that attendees and members would be kept informed of developments and notified on the status of the group’s recognition when known.

Finlay Carson MSP thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting.