

# Cross-Party Group on St. Andrew's Day

Date and Time Wed. 1 Nov.2023 at 6pm

Minute

Present

MSPs

Michelle Thomson (Convener). Alex Rowley (Vice-Convener), Collette Stevenson

Invited guests

None

Non-MSP Group Members

Dennis Canavan, Joe Goldblatt, Rev. Neil Galbraith, Philip Bale, Tanveer Parneez, Christina Hendry, Callum MacLeod, Kirstin Gray

Apologies

Michael Veitch, Gerry McGarvey, Craig Hoy, David Lonsdale, Maurice Corry

Agenda item 1

Minutes of last meeting on 20 September 2023 approved. No matters arising.

Agenda item 2

There was a general discussion about preparations for the St. Andrew's Day Celebration at the Scottish Parliament on 29 November. The Event sub-group are in regular contact with the Scottish Parliament Events Team about finalising preparations.

DC reported that he had contacted Roy Devon requesting a booking for the Garden Lobby for next year's event on Wed. 27 November 2024

Agenda item 3

MT initiated a brief discussion about responses to the questionnaire seeking views from various organisations and individuals about the promotion of St. Andrew's Day. DC reported that over 100 organisations/individuals had been contacted but so far only about 20 had responded. JG reported that a student from Napier University had indicated willingness to analyse responses. JG suggested

further triangular research and agreed to contact the student to ascertain whether he is willing to help on this, possibly as a subject for a dissertation. MT agreed to approach Russell Dalglish and to ask her contact at Stirling University if they can help. TP suggested further contact with universities.

## Agenda item 4

It was agreed that the full CPG should meet early in the new year on a date that fits in with MT's diary and that the Event subgroup should ask Alice Noble for a "walk-through" meeting at the Scottish Parliament to help finalise details of event on 29 November. KG to contact AN to arrange.