

Cross Party Group on Wellbeing Economy

Friday, 19th of September 2025, 1:00-1:30 pm,
online

Annual General Meeting

Present

MSPs

Emma Harper MSP, Maggie Chapman MSP, Maurice Golden MSP

Invited guests

David Stewart, Emma Sedgwick, Jason Schroeder, John-Paul Holden,

Non-MSP Group Members

Ewan Macleod (Volunteer Scotland), Gerard McCartney, Juliette Summers, Martin Meteyard (Co-operate Scotland), Renata Osowska, Lukas Bunse (WEAll Scotland)

Apologies

Sarah Boyack MSP, Michelle Thomson MSP, Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP, Hilda Campbell, Josh Doble, Jim Brown, Josie Saunders, Margaret Douglas, Kate McLean, Elizabeth Docherty, Augustijn van Gaalen, Rachel Searle

1 Welcome

Welcome from Maggie Chapman MSP, co-convenor of the CPG on Wellbeing Economy

2 AGM

Approval of previous Minutes

- Draft minutes of the previous meetings in September 2024, December 2024 and April 2025 were circulated before the meeting.
- Maggie Chapman MSP proposed adoption of the previous minutes, seconded by Lukas Bunse and confirmed with no objections from group members.

Election of office bearers

- Maggie Chapman MSP nominated herself as co-convener of the group, which was seconded by Maurice Golden MSP and confirmed with no objections from group members.
- Emma Harper MSP was nominated by Maggie Chapman MSP and seconded by Maurice Golden MSP as co-convener of the group, and confirmed with no objections from group members.

Appointment of Secretariat

- Maggie Chapman MSP nominated the Wellbeing Economy Alliance Scotland as secretariat, which was seconded by Emma Harper MSP and confirmed without objections from group members.
- Lukas Bunse accepted the nomination on behalf of WEAll Scotland, but apologised that WEAll Scotland will only have limited capacity to organise meetings in the run-up to the election, due to a change in WEAll Scotland's funding structure.
- Lukas asked whether other organisations would be willing to support with the secretariat function and Maggie Chapman MSP offered to ask her office to support.

3 Discussion: Planning the work of the AGM

Suggested topics for meetings for the remainder of the parliament:

- The housing crisis and how it relates to the Wellbeing Economy. This would tie in well with a project that WEAll Scotland is currently working and will have some findings to share early next year.
- An information session for members to find out more about how to influence manifesto processes of different parties.
- Inclusive economic development including
 - Designing wellbeing metrics that reflect lived experience
 - Supporting marginalised groups through targeted enterprise funding
 - Embedding equality and diversity in local economic strategies
 - Support democratic business models

Plan agreed for the remainder of the parliament:

- Maggie Chapman MSP will coordinate with other MSP members to organise a meeting before Christmas that will give group members the opportunity to find out more about manifesto processes.
- WEAll Scotland will lead on the organisation of a topical meeting in the new year, focused on housing and/or inclusive economic development.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the secretariat by emailing Lukas at lukas@scotland.weall.org.