

Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness

Minutes of the AGM and Fourth Meeting held on

29th January 2014

Committee Room 2, Scottish Parliament

1. Present and Apologies

See attached list

2. Welcome

Clare Adamson, MSP, and Convenor of the Cross Party Group (CPG) introduced herself and thanked everyone for coming along to the Fourth Meeting and first Annual General Meeting. Ms Adamson welcomed all and mentioned that, at present, she was the only MSP attending but that she expected another to join when the business of the AGM – the election of Office Bearers – would be conducted. Ms Adamson reminded attendees of the decision not to charge subscriptions and thanked SELECT for funding the cost of the catering on this occasion.

Ms Adamson pointed attendees to the draft Annual Return completed in conjunction with RoSPA staff and highlighted the very busy programme that had taken place over the last year. Thanks were given to all who had taken part in the meetings and the membership agreed the content of the Annual Return. Ms Adamson thanked those who have worked behind the scenes to ensure the meetings run smoothly.

Ms Adamson went on to praise the work of the CPG over the last year and highlighted the formation of the sub group to look at the data issue. A paper has been received from Dr Tom Beattie and a further paper is expected. This information will then be taken to the relevant Minister for consideration in respect of a pilot project for data collection. Ms Adamson has also written to the Minister for Education regarding the Go Safe Scotland resource but due to the lateness of this correspondence, a response had not yet been received. A response was received from the Parliamentary Question raised earlier in the year regarding the recommendations from the Paddy Tompkins review on Scotland's Open Water and Flood Rescue Capabilities. The answers to all Parliamentary Questions can be found using the search facility at <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx>. Discussions have taken place with Stuart McMillan, MSP and an interest shown in having a joint meeting between this CPG and the one on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism.

The Minutes were agreed as a true record by Mr Brian Topping and seconded by Mr Alastair McNab.

Mr Topping addressed the Group and expressed his concerns about families living locally to him at sea and suggested the next meeting on Water Safety could consider the safe use of boats as dwellings. Ms Adamson took the suggestion on board and agreed to investigate including this topic on the agenda.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were confirmed as an accurate record. *(With the amendment that Stephen Merchant had submitted apologies.)*

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was tabled and Ms Lumsden took the opportunity to highlight the following: Thanks to Ms Adamson for the opportunity to provide the Secretariat over the last year and thanks also to Lis Bardell for her support. Ms Lumsden reminded those present that they could send a deputy to the meetings if they were unable to attend. The Report included the attendance numbers of all the meetings so far. Ms Lumsden also reminded people that ideas for topics and speakers were welcomed for consideration by the Convenor. A reminder was given about the Minutes of the Meetings being a record of what was said on the day. If anyone has any issues around the content of any of the presentations they should take them up with the speakers direct. Ms Lumsden finished by asking for assistance regarding sending out the speakers' presentations as attachments because the files are often too large for email inboxes. It was suggested she look at using Dropbox for this purpose. *(A separate email will be forwarded to members in due course which will include details of how to access the speakers presentations.)*

5. Health and Safety of the Working Population in Scotland

Presentations were heard from the following speakers:

Ian Tasker, STUC: A Trades Union Perspective

Kathy Jenkins, Scottish Hazards Campaign: Worker involvement from an employee perspective

Robert Atkinson, Healthy Working Lives: the importance of a national strategy to develop projects and partnerships across Scotland

At 1.55 pm Ms Adamson left the meeting and returned at 2.05 pm.

George Adam, MSP, joined the meeting at 2.10 pm. The business of the AGM then took place. Ms Adamson indicated both James Dornan MSP, currently Vice Convenor and Liz Smith MSP offered to continue membership of the Group. RoSPA agreed to remain as Secretariat and

therefore the status quo was put forward. Mr Topping proposed this suggestion and it was seconded by Mr Brownlie.

The opportunity was then taken to ask questions of the first three speakers.

Ms Falconer asked if a partnership had been considered with the voluntary sector, especially around self management techniques with a focus on keeping people at work. Mr Atkinson responded that Healthy Working Lives isn't currently involved but will look at engaging with them. Ms Jenkins also highlighted that a lot of activity was going on to keep people at work so Ms Falconer's material could certainly be used.

Tim Glasspool, Bristow Group: Helicopter Safety in the North Sea.

Mr Topping enquired about the weight of passengers on a flight. Mr Glasspool responded that his company does have influence and has disembarked people but reminded Mr Topping of the focus on the prevention of accidents and therefore safety regarding egress after an accident was not an issue.

Karen McDonnell, RoSPA Scotland: The health and safety of the working population in Scotland: be part of the solution.

The floor was then re-opened for questions. Mr Creighton highlighted the incidences of inappropriate call outs and that he had worked with CALMAC to reduce them. This work helped to understand the costs involved and assisted with pushing the safety message forward. Mr Creighton also thanked the RoSPA staff (Carlene McAvoy and Jen Foley) for their recent informative presentations to the local community safety partnership in Stornoway.

Mr Cathro commented on how interesting the presentations were and that he provides training for people to go into work places – colleges can also be seen as workplaces.

Mr McNab mentioned that health and safety was a reserved matter but the HSE is happy to also account to the Scottish Government for its work in Scotland and there is a need to reflect Scottish Legislation. HSE has given previous presentations to Scottish Parliament Health and Sport Committee to explain what the HSE does in Scotland.

Mr Brownlie mentioned his experience as Chair of the Scottish Higher Performers Forum, and his 50 years experience with major organisations. He stated that all speakers today were very enthusiastic and this enthusiasm was infectious. However, we must ensure that we share these messages and all speak the same language. Mr Brownlie wished the CPG well for the future.

Mr Tasker highlighted that he had met with Fergus Ewing, MSP and the Trades Unions. He said how refreshing it was to hear similar messages from Mr Glasspool and the Trades Unions, emphasising they were advocating similar activities.

Ms Adamson asked Mr Glasspool if he thought that all the additional work they did made them concerned about their competitiveness. Mr Glasspool responded that it was better to be a small, safe company than a big, unsafe one and that many people recognised this. Ms Adamson commended the Bristow Group on providing a good model.

Ms Jenkins reminded everyone of the need for organisations to address environmental concerns and to ensure a minimal negative impact on their community.

Ms Adamson reminded the Group of the opportunity this CPG provides to take forward action points and invited members to feed back any suggestions to the Secretary.

Mr Topping thanked the Convenor, Ms Adamson, for an excellent meeting.

6. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 25th March from 6.00 – 8.00 pm and will be on the topic of Water Safety.

(The June Meeting will focus on burns and scalds to children and railway safety.)

Attendees 29 January 2014

Name	Representing
Adamson, Clare MSP	Convenor
Adam, George MSP	
Atkinson, Robert	Health Working Lives
Avril, Michael	RNLI
Barclay, Stuart	EEG UK
Beresford, John	Scottish Community Safety Network
Bradshaw, Simon	Police Scotland
Brown, Jean	Aberlour Child Care Trust
Brownlie, Russell	Partnership on Health and Safety in Scotland
Castro, Janet	Scottish Accident Prevention Council
Cathro, Andy	H&S Dev Network Group for Scotland's Colleges
Creighton, Frank	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Community Planning
Falconer, Gena	Highland Council
Forrester, Dave	SELECT
Glasspool, Tim	Bristow Group
Howat, Andy	NHS Dumfries and Galloway
Jenkins, Kathy	Scottish Hazards Campaign
Mackay, Wayne	Electrical Safety Council
McDonnell, Karen	RoSPA
McKay, Sylvia	Hopscotch Nursery
McNab, Alistair	Health and Safety Executive
McNicol, Neil	John McNicol (Electrical Engineers) & Co.
Merchant, Stephen	SAMH
Miller, Irene	NHS Health Scotland
O'Neale, Ali	Cloudline
Palmer, Graham	Morgan Sindall
Park, Richard	Crossreach
Scobie, Devin	Caledonia PA
Taggart, Louise	Scottish Hazards
Tasker, Ian	STUC
Telfer, Bob	AALS
Thomson, Allan	Central Training Services
Topping, Brian	Safety Advocate
Wright, David	SELECT

In attendance:

Bardell, Lis	Office Manager to Clare Adamson, MSP
Lumsden, Elizabeth	Secretary
Young, Lyn	Scottish Government
Thompson, Owen	<i>Parliamentary Assistant to Clare Adamson MSP</i>
Barclay, Kate	<i>Constituency Caseworker to Clare Adamson MSP</i>

Lang, Emily

Intern to Clare Adamson MSP

Apologies:

Baird, Colin	Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTTS)
Beattie, Dr Tom	Safety Advocate
Bell, Christopher	Trading Standards
Bowles, Vince	Scottish Autism
Cairns, John	Safety Groups UK
Johnston, John	FMCTI
Johnstone, Alison	MSP
Jones, Rachel	Totseat
Haggart, Ross	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Hayton, Jim	ALACHO
Kubba, Haytham	Yorkhill Children's Hospital
McGillivray, Keith	Sprinklersafe Europe
McMillan, Stuart	MSP
Morgan, Cherie	Play Scotland
Mulholland, Jill	Transport Scotland
Murray, Neil	ARAMARK
Nish, Lesley	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Richardson, Paul	Home Safety Scotland
Smith, Bill	Ten Alps Communicate
Spacey, Patricia	Fife Council Community Planning
Stuart, Annette	Scottish Government
Wallace, Colin	REHIS