

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Industrial Communities

**DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED** (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

15 June, 2011

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

20 January, 2016

**DATE OF PRECEDING AGM** [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]

28 January, 2015

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

28 January, 2016

### GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

#### Meetings with Ministers

The Cross-Party Group on Industrial Communities continues to have regular liaison with Ministers within the Scottish Parliament. During 2015 a meeting was held with the Keith Brown MSP, Cabinet Secretary, Infrastructure, Investment and Cities on 18

February 2015.

The meeting discussed the *Ten Point Plan* put forward by the Industrial Communities Alliance, Scotland. In addition there was a discussion on the Alliances publication *Whose Recovery*. This highlighted the problems for areas outside the South East of England that were benefitting very little from the upturn in the UK economy.

The Cabinet Secretary invited the Alliance to identify priority projects that they believed would support the economic recovery of their respective areas. A dialogue on this became the main focus of liaison between the Cross Party Group, Alliance and the Cabinet Secretary throughout the year. The Cabinet Secretary made a presentation to the Cross Party Group on 20 May (see below).

Notes on the discussions were taken and reported to the Cross Party Group at its Meeting as on 20 May 2015.

### **Cross-Party Group Meetings**

The Cross-Party Group usually meets three times a year and generally follows a process of inviting presentations followed by a discussion of relevant issues.

Meetings took place as follows:

#### **28 January 2015**

The 2015 Annual General Meeting received a presentation by Jackie Killeen, the Scotland Director Of the Big Lottery.

The meeting was also updated on Industrial Communities Alliance activities including the *Ten Point Plan*, investment in rail infrastructure, the geography of economic recovery, and Welfare to Work issues.

The meeting was attended by 3 MSPs and 11 non-MSPs.

#### **20 May, 2015**

The main agenda item for this meeting was a presentation by the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities, Keith Brown MSP. This was followed by a wide ranging question and answer session and discussion.

The Alliance National Director, Steve Fothergill made a presentation on an Alliance research publication *Whose Recovery* which highlighted how the upturn in economic growth was leaving older industrial Britain behind.

The proposed closure of Longannet power station and the consequences for the local and Scottish economy, as well as security of electricity supply, was also discussed.

The meeting was attended by 4 MSPs and 15 non- MSPs

**28<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**

As an urgent item the crisis in the steel industry and the future of Dalzell and Clydebridge in particular was discussed

The main item on the agenda was a presentation by Shane Rankin, a Scottish Government official, on European Structural Funds

There was also further discussion on the Big Lottery and Camelot, *Whose Recovery, Growth beyond the Big Cities* (both Alliance research publications) and Longannet power station.

The meeting was attended by 3 MSPs and 7 non-MSPs.

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Colin Beattie	Scottish National Party
Neil Bibby	Scottish Labour
Adam Ingram	Scottish National Party
Angus MacDonald	Scottish National Party
Cameron Buchanan	Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Elaine Murray	Scottish Labour
Jayne Baxter	Scottish Labour
John Mason	Scottish National Party
Willie Rennie	Scottish Liberal Democrats

Individuals

Organisations

- Industrial Communities Alliance
- Argyll and Bute Council
- Clackmannanshire Council
- Coalfield Communities Federation
- Coalfields Regeneration Trust
- Dumfries and Galloway Council
- East Ayrshire Council
- East Dunbartonshire Council
- East Lothian Council
- East Renfrewshire Council

	<p>Fife Council</p> <p>Glasgow City Council</p> <p>Inverclyde Council</p> <p>Midlothian Council</p> <p>National Union of Mineworkers</p> <p>North Ayrshire Council</p> <p>North Lanarkshire Council</p> <p>Renfrewshire Council</p> <p>South Ayrshire Council</p> <p>South Lanarkshire Council</p> <p>West Dunbartonshire Council</p>
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**GROUP OFFICE BEARERS**

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Colin Beattie MSP
Deputy Convener	Neil Bibby MSP
Secretary	Industrial Communities Alliance
Treasurer	

**FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).



### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

Nil

### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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