

Cross-Party Group on Credit Unions

Minutes of the meeting held at 12.45pm on Thursday 30th June 2011 in Room TG.22, The Scottish Parliament

In Attendance

Claudia Beamish MSP, Kezia Dugdale MSP, Patrick Harvie MSP, Jim Hume MSP, Jenny Marra MSP, Margaret McDougall MSP, Anne McTaggart MSP, John Wilson MSP, Lesley Campbell (Researcher, John Wilson MSP), Frank McKillop (ABCUL)

Apologies

Jackie Baillie MSP, Margaret Burgess MSP, Neil Findlay MSP, James Kelly MSP, Mary Scanlon MSP, Drew Smith MSP, Carol McHarg (1st Alliance (Ayrshire) CU)

- 1 John Wilson MSP, as Vice Convener of the Group in the previous Parliament, welcomed all to the meeting and explained that the purpose of this short meeting was to seek to re-register the Group in the new Parliament.
- 2 Attendance and apologies were noted as above.
- 3 As the meeting was quorate and met the requirement for at least three parties from the Parliamentary Bureau to be represented, it was agreed to proceed with re-registration. All MSPs and others who had asked to join the Group would be registered as members, namely:

Jackie Baillie MSP, Claudia Beamish MSP, Margaret Burgess MSP, Kezia Dugdale MSP, Neil Findlay MSP, Patrick Harvie MSP, Jim Hume MSP, James Kelly MSP, Johann Lamont MSP, Jenny Marra MSP, Margaret McDougall MSP, Anne McTaggart MSP, Mary Scanlon MSP, Drew Smith MSP, Maureen Watt MSP, John Wilson MSP, Carol McHarg (1st Alliance (Ayrshire) CU), Frank McKillop (ABCUL), Tom McVay (SCVO CU), Duncan Thorp (SSEC).
- 4 The meeting proceeded to the election of office bearers.
 - John Wilson MSP was proposed for Convener by Patrick Harvie MSP, seconded by Jim Hume MSP, and agreed.
 - Anne McTaggart MSP was proposed for Vice Convener by Jenny Marra MSP, seconded by Jim Hume MSP, and agreed.
 - Frank McKillop was proposed for Secretary by John Wilson MSP, seconded by Anne McTaggart MSP, and agreed.
 - The appointment of a Treasurer was discussed. It was subsequently agreed to leave the post vacant as the Treasurer's duties would be limited and could be handled by the Secretary.
- 5 A proposed meeting schedule was circulated and agreed.
- 6 AOCB:
 - It was agreed that the Group should write to the former Convener Frank McAveety to thank him for his work as Convener and to invite him to the re-launch reception in October.
 - The World Credit Union Conference in Glasgow from 24th to 27th July was discussed. Group members should have the opportunity to attend a reception at the event, and Members were encouraged to sign Motion S4M-00264 welcoming the conference to Scotland.
- 7 The Convener thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting.