

**Cross Party Group on Men's Violence Against Women & Children**  
**Minute of AGM 20 January 2016**  
**17.30 – 19.00, Committee Room 6, Scottish Parliament.**

**Present/Apologies:**

**Members Attending**

- Malcolm Chisholm- MSP
- Christina McKelvie MSP
- Claudia Beamish MSP
- Jamie McGrigor MSP
- Rhoda Grant MSP
- Louise Johnson - Scottish Women's Aid
- Marsha Scott - Scottish Women's Aid
- Cath Logan - Big Lottery Fund Scotland
- Isobel Hart
- Melanie McCarry - Strathclyde University
- Hazel Loeb - Pilton Community Health Project
- Gillian Baker-Domestic Abuse Transitions Advice Project
- Mhairi McGowan – ASSIST
- Dawn Fyfe- SAY Women
- Davy Thompson -White Ribbon Scotland Campaign
- Emma Ritch- Engender
- Vikki Kerr- Caledonian Edinburgh-City of Edinburgh Council-
- Stacey Devine
- Stephen Madill- Safer Families- City of Edinburgh Council
- Sandie Barton- Rape Crisis Scotland
- Linda Thompson - Women's Support Project

**In Attendance**

- Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Michael Matheson MSP
- Trevor Owen, The Equality Unit, Scottish Government
- Miriam Khan- Equal Scotland
- Liam Beattie- HIV Scotland
- Lauren Pollit

**Apologies**

- Elaine Smith MSP
- Alison Johnstone MSP
- Jan Macleod - Women's Support Project
- Laura Tomson- Zero Tolerance
- Lorna Gallacher-North East Edinburgh Counselling Service
- Billie Willeans- Soroptimist International
- Janice Wilson- Soroptimist International
- Lexi Smart-Soptimist International
- Ann Hayne- NHS Lanarkshire - EVA Services
- George Eckton
- Mandy McKerl
- Sharon Edwards
- Lily Greenan

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah Vernon- Children 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>• Eva Kestner - office of Rhoda Grant MSP</li> <li>• Girijamba Polubothu, Shakti Women's Aid</li> <li>• Mariem Omar- Amina</li> <li>• Janet Fulton</li> <li>• Susan Lawson- West Lothian Council</li> <li>• Jen Richards- Pilton Community Health Project</li> </ul>	
<b>1. AGM and Election of Office Bearers</b>	
<p><b>Approval of Minutes of AGM of 20 January 2015</b>  These were presented and approved</p> <p><b>Election of Office Bearers</b>  The current Co-Convenors, Malcolm Chisholm MSP and Christina McKelvie MSP were proposed for re-election by Louise Johnson of Scottish Women's Aid and seconded by Mhairi McGowan of ASSIST; No alternative candidates are put forward and the current Co-Convenors were duly re-elected.</p> <p>The current Vice Convenors, Claudia Beamish MSP and Jamie McGrigor MSP were proposed for re-election by Louise Johnson of Scottish Women's Aid and seconded by Mhairi McGowan of ASSIST. No alternative candidates are put forward and the current Vice Convenors were re-elected..</p> <p>Scottish Women's Aid was re-elected as Secretary.</p>	