

Minutes of the meeting for the Cross Party Group on Beer and Pubs

Date: Tuesday 15th January 2019

Location: The Livingstone Room (T4.60-CR6)

Agenda:

1. Welcomes and Apologies
2. Minutes from the last meeting
3. Declaration of interests
4. Non MSP membership of the Group
5. Presentation from Scotland Food & Drink on their "Brewing Strategy for Scotland"
6. Upcoming meetings and events
7. AOB

1. Welcomes and Apologies

Apologies: Rachel Hamilton MSP, Neil Bibby MSP.

Attendees: Stuart Donaldson (Secretariat), Patrick Harvie MSP, Gordon Macdonald MSP, Graham Simpson MSP, George Adam MSP, Paul Togneri (SBPA), David McGowan (SLTA), Martin Meteyard (Plunkett), Hilary Jones (Brewing Industry Liaison Group), Jennifer McLachlan (Scotland Food & Drink), Caroline de Rouffignac (Scotland Food & Drink)

It was noted that the group last met formally in January.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

Agreed with no amendments

3. Declaration of interests

None

4. Non MSP membership of the Group

The issue of individuals having membership of the group was discussed.

The principle of individuals joining the group was agreed.

It was agreed that the names of those who have asked to be members of the group will be brought along to the next meeting.

It was also agreed that efforts should be made to expand the industry membership of the group.

5. Presentation from Scotland Food & Drink on their “Brewing Strategy for Scotland”

See Appendix 1 + 2

The presentation prompted discussions on how to further the work of the brewing strategy; bringing the industry together in the CPG, becoming a forum for the industry; engaging with government agencies; training for small brewers on how to engage with big chains; how to promote Scottish beer through a beer week or award scheme.

6. Upcoming meetings and events

AGM at 6pm on 29th January 2019

7. AOB

None