

**Minute of Meeting CPG on Scottish Showmen's Guild 26th June 2018 at Scottish Parliament.
Commencing 5:30pm.**

Agenda

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Minutes of the Previous CPG Meeting
- 3) Report from Mary Fee MSP re: North Ayrshire Council
- 4) Report from Clare Haughey MSP re: South Lanarkshire Council
- 5) Report on Showmen's Guild meeting with Angela Rowley, Clyde Gateway
- 6) Right to buy Sites
- 7) Government decision re: provision for Gypsy Travellers
- 8) Review of Race Hate Crime legislation – consultation and engagement
- 9) Intangible Cultural Heritage
- 10) Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting.
- 11) Election of Office Bearers
- 12) Close

Attendance

Billy Hammond, Christine Stirling, John Stewart Miller, Richard Lyle MSP, Jackson Carlaw MSP, Clare Haughey MSP and Mary Fee MSP

Apologies

Andy Wightman MSP, Clare Adamson MSP, Annie Wells MSP, Christina McKelvie MSP, David Torrance MSP and John Mason MSP (all wish to remain involved with the CPG in the year ahead)

1) Welcome

Convenor, Richard Lyle MSP welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.

2) Minutes of the Previous CPG Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting on 28th March 2018 were circulated and accepted.

Business arising from minutes - Licensing Bill

The Draft has now been sent to Richard Lyle MSP, although he hasn't seen it yet. It will be brought up after Recess. Richard Lyle MSP said he had a meeting with Parliament lawyers, and wants it noted that it can only be amended by the Government, and will also bring this up after Recess. Licensing has to be fair for everyone.

Billy Hammond commented on Aileen Campbell MSP's comments about Carluke saying it was all brushed under the table (old pals act)

3) Report from Mary Fee MSP re: North Ayrshire Council

Mary Fee MSP advised she had no response from North Ayrshire Council and left the meeting at this point.

4) Report from Clare Haughey MSP re: South Lanarkshire Council

Planning for the proposed incinerator at Whistleberry Road has been turned down.

5) Report on Showmen's Guild meeting with Angela Rowley, Clyde Gateway

Clare Haughey MSP initially said she would write to Angela Rowley asking why the site at Biggar Street was sold to a property agent and not a showmen. However, Richard Lyle MSP recalls at a meeting he had attended with Clyde Gateway there was promise of £100,000 for a Showmen's Guild site and asked that the Guild e mail any paperwork they may have in this regard.

6) Right to buy Sites

Billy Hammond advised the site at Water Row, Govan was under threat and asked why this was not offered to the showmen. Richard Lyle MSP said he would ask the Cabinet Secretary regarding assistance from the Government about Clyde Gateway. He also asked the Guild to e mail him about land at Mansecroft i.e. what Angela Rowley said in her e mail, and what she said about other sites, as you have a right to buy.

Billy Hammond asked about the right to buy regarding the tenants at Water Row.

7) Government decision re: provision for Gypsy Travellers

Richard Lyle MSP advised of Mary Fee MSP's members debate in Parliament.

8) Review of Race Hate Crime legislation – consultation and engagement

Billy Hammond asked about Gypsy Race Hate Crime and why the Guild is never asked to be involved. At the moment showpeople are put in the same category but never consulted about anything.

9) Intangible Cultural Heritage

Billy Hammond said he would like the showpeople to be put forward for that. In the past it had to be the Government that put you forward but that is no longer the case.

10) Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting.

Minutes of the previous Annual General meeting on 14th June 2017 were circulated and accepted.

11) Election of Office Bearers

The Following was voted on and all agreed.

Convener - Richard Lyle MSP

Deputy Conveners - Mary Fee MSP, Jackson Carlaw MSP and Andy Wightman MSP

Secretary - Jane Rodgers (Non - MSP Member)

12) Close

Richard Lyle MSP thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the Meeting at 6:30pm