

Minute of Meeting CPG Scottish Showmen's Guild on 19th March 2019 at Scottish Parliament.  
Commencing 6pm.

### **Welcome**

Richard Lyle MSP welcomed everyone in attendance and declared the meeting open

### **Attending:-**

Richard Lyle MSP (in Chair)  
Maurice Corry MSP  
Maureen Watt MSP  
Andy Whiteman MSP  
Billy Hammond (Chairman, Showmen's Guild Scottish Section)  
Alex James Colquhoun (Vice Chairman, Showmen's Guild Scottish Section)  
George Pinder (Treasurer, Showmen's Guild Scottish Section)  
John Stewart Miller (Committee member, Showmen's Guild Scottish Section)

### **Apologies**

John Mason MSP  
Mary McFee MSP  
David Torrance MSP

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Copies of the minutes of the previous CPG meeting on 26th June 2018 were distributed and confirmed as being true and correct.

### **Low Emissions Zone (LEZ)**

It was agreed Richard Lyle MSP would contact the Rural Affairs Committee to arrange a meeting with a view to seek an exemption for Showmen's vehicles.

### **Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act (1960)**

Billy Hammond advised that showmen's planning permission does not require a site licence. The Showmen's Guild made enquiries to Glasgow District Council in this regard but have been advised that this is coming from the Scottish Government.

Agreed: In order for Richard Lyle MSP to take this further the Showmen's Guild will supply more information. George Pinder will e mail Richard a copy of the letter sent out by Glasgow District Council.

### **Update on Members Bill**

Richard Lyle MSP confirmed that permission to proceed has been granted and advised of the MSPs from the various parties who will be supporting the Bill. Although the SNP Party will not be supporting this they will not oppose it, it will be a free vote.

The Bill should be as simple as possible for example, a minimum of 21 days to make application for a licence to operate a fairground, 7 - 14 days to process said licence and allowances made to apply for an alternative site if necessary. A set fee of £50 to be refundable. Racists comments, particularly from Councillors, should not be considered as valid objections.

The Bill will be lodged within the next two weeks.

**AOCB**

Agreed:

- 1) Letter to be sent to the Census Department regarding Showpeople to be included on the Census
- 2) Cross Party Campaign to encourage support for the Bill
- 3) Meeting with Christina McKelvie MSP to be arranged.
- 4) 1st July 2019 Funfair Ride to celebrate 20 years of Scottish Parliament

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