



CPG ON CULTURE: MINUTES

6 SEPTEMBER 2016, 5.30PM-8PM

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT, COMMITTEE ROOM 3

SESSION 5: INAUGURAL MEETING

Introduction

The following MSPs were noted to be in attendance:

- George Adam (Paisley) (SNP)
- Claire Baker (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Lab)
- Jackson Carlaw (Eastwood) (Con)
- Lewis Macdonald (North East Scotland) (Lab)
- Ben Macpherson (Edinburgh Northern and Leith) (SNP)
- Gillian Martin (Aberdeenshire East) (SNP)
- Gail Ross (Caithness, Sutherland and Ross) (SNP)

Group apologies received from:

- Alex Cole-Hamilton (Edinburgh Western) (Lib Dem)
- Ash Denham (Edinburgh Eastern) (SNP)
- David Brew
- Alan Forgie
- Louise Gilmour-Wills
- Jane Humphries
- Gayle McPherson
- Marianne Mitchelson
- Rab Noaks
- Ann Packard
- Magdalena Schamberger
- Fraser Spiers

Scottish Youth Theatre

Scottish Youth Theatre performed for the Group.

Janis Claxton Dance

Janis Claxton Dance performed their Made in Scotland piece, POP-UP Duets (fragments of love).

Showreel of CPG on Culture – Session 4

Attendees watch a showreel summarising meetings of the Cross Party Group during the previous Parliamentary Session.

Election of office bearers

Joan McAlpine was elected to serve as Convener for the Group with the support of fellow MSPs, Gillian Martin and Jackson Carlaw.

Pauline McNeil was elected to serve as Deputy Convener for the Group with the support of fellow MSPs Jackson Carlaw and Gail Ross.

Creative Scotland was elected to serve as Secretariat for the Group with the support of Joan McAlpine and Karen Dick.

Overview of meetings to date

Joan McAlpine MSP provided a short overview of meetings to date and introduced the topic for discussion.

Open discussion

Attendees discussed the future focus of the group and made recommendations around themes and topics for future meetings. These suggestions included:

- Mapping our cultural heritage
- Cultural regeneration and economic development
- Education attainment and skills
- BREXIT and internationalism
- Funding models for the future
- Cross-portfolio working (Health, Justice etc)
- The role of the public sector broadcaster
- The Scottish Enlightenment and culture
- Places and Spaces for Culture
- Culture and Infrastructure
- Support for local authority provision
- Music tuition in schools
- National Cultural Strategy
- Artist development and international residencies

Any Other Business/Next Meeting

It was noted that future meeting dates would be set following official recognition being granted to the Group by the Standards Committee.

You can watch the full meeting online at the following link:

<http://www.cpgonculture.com/>