

Joint meeting of the Cross Party Groups on Visual Impairment, Deafness and Heart Disease and Stroke, Annual General Meeting in the Scottish Parliament

Minutes of the joint Cross Party Groups on Visual Impairment, Deafness and Heart Disease and Stroke held on Wednesday 9 March 2016 in Committee Room 3, Scottish Parliament

Present:

Stuart Mcmillan MSP; Dennis Robertson MSP, Neil Bibby MSP; Paul Bartley, Optelec; Ian Brown, RNIB Scotland; Catriona Burness, RNIB Scotland; Amanda Burt; Marion Butchart, Novartis; Pamela Chater; Jamie Cuthbertson, Macular Society; Jane Donnelly, Insight Radio; Catherine Finestone, Falkirk Council; Caitlin Howie, RNIB Scotland; Colin Howie, SCOVl; Jane Horsburgh, Guide Dogs; Rod Murchison; Hussein Patwa; John Paterson, SCOVl; Ken Reid; Ann Robertson, North East Sensory Services; Terry Robinson; Hal Rollason, Optometry Scotland; Allan Russell, Insight Radio; Leila Theiner, Disability Agenda Scotland; Sandra Wilson, RNIB Scotland; William Wykes, Eyecare Scotland.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dennis Robertson MSP welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: James Adams, RNIB Scotland; John Donaldson, Scottish Braille Press; Dominic Everett, RNIB Scotland; Sheena Guz, ADA Scotland; Nigel Harvey, RNIB Scotland; Richard Hellewell, Royal Blind, Scottish War Blinded; Clair Henderson, RNIB Scotland; Mercy Jeyasingham, VISION 2020 UK; Ross Macfadyen, RNIB Scotland; Nanette Milne MSP; Gillian Mitchell, Highland Sensory; Wendy Rankin, Guide Dogs; Dr John Ravenscroft, University of Edinburgh; Fiona Sandford, Visibility; Janelle Scotland, Association of Scottish Talking Newspapers; Richard Simpson MSP; Mhairi Thurston, Abertay University; Mary Travers; Emma Whitelock, Lead Scotland; Sally Paterson, Royal Blind.

3. Heart Disease and Stroke Cross Party Group Annual General Meeting

3.1. Financial Return:

3.2. Nomination and election of Office Bearers:

4. Cross Party Group on Visual Impairment Annual General Meeting

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4.2. Nomination and election of Office Bearers:

5. Matters Arising

5.1. Cross Party Group on Deafness minutes from 8 December 2015:

5.2. Cross Party Group on Visual Impairment minutes from 3 December 2015:

5.3. Heart Disease and Stroke Cross Party Group minutes from 9 December 2015:

6. Presentations

5.1. Heart Disease and Stroke risk in the deaf community:

5.2. The impact of post-stroke visual impairment on daily life:

Action

7. Discussion

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8. AOCB

9. Future meetings

- Heart Disease and Stroke Cross Party Group, Wednesday 22 June 2016
- Cross Party Group on Visual Impairment, TBC
- Cross Party Group on Deafness, TBC