

# **Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Asthma - AGM**

## **Minute of meeting: Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> (Committee Room 1)**

### **Present**

Nanette Milne MSP  
Jackie Baillie MSP  
Ken MacIntosh MSP  
Alex Neil MSP (Cabinet Secretary for Health)  
Sally Egan  
Shona Haslam Asthma UK Scotland  
Angela McKillop  
Aleesha McKillop  
Mike MacGregor  
Ann McMurray  
Julie Westwood  
Bill Paton  
Fiona Garrett  
Elisabeth Ehrlich  
Ann Kilgour  
Max Kilgour  
Jurgen Schwarze  
Margaret Kelman

### **1. Welcome**

Nanette Milne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

As this was the AGM, minutes were presented for information

### **3. Presentation**

Margaret Kelman, Children and Young People Allergy Network gave a presentation on the work of the group and the recommendations on future allergy services in Scotland. Anne Kilgour and Max Kilgour spoke about what it was like to live with severe allergies and the issues that they faced every day, going to restaurants, travelling through airports with large amounts of medication, the exclusion and bullying at school etc. Jurgen Schwarze spoke about the clinical aspects of allergy medication, future possible treatments and how allergy services are currently delivered in Scotland.

### **4. Questions and discussion**

The group discussed what improvements could be made in allergy services. Angela McKillop spoke of the difficulties her daughter had faced in schools including being bullied and having peanuts thrown at her in the playground. The difficulties of accessing specialist services and how life with a severely allergic child can be so challenging. Anne McMurray also spoke about the work that is done in the Sick Kids in Edinburgh in relation to allergy and some of the young people that she meets as a result of her work.

### **5. AGM**

Nanette Milne MSP was confirmed as convener of the CPG on Asthma.

Ken MacIntosh was confirmed as co-convener of the group  
Asthma UK Scotland to remain as Secretariat.

Ken MacIntosh closed the meeting.