

TUESDAY 2 JUNE AT CR5: SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT, EDINBURGH, EH99 1SP

The meeting had 11 in attendance (details attached) and members were welcomed to the meeting by the Convenor.

Matters Arising

None

Minutes of previous meetings were adopted and approved.

Treasurers Report

Mr Watt updated members on the group's current finances (attached). He reported that the group had sufficient funds to last until the end of the current parliament.

Addressing Fuel Poverty in Traditional Buildings

Mr Don introduced Stephen Good (Construction Scotland Innovation Centre) said that the centre was one of eight such innovation centres in Scotland.

He outlined opportunities and inhibitors to innovation in Scotland and would channel support to progress innovative products or working practices which would have a positive effect on the industry.

The Scottish construction was a fragmented industry and the centre looked to bring parties together to achieve mutual goals and encourage collaboration on projects.

The centre looked to stimulate innovation at an early stage of the evolution of innovative initiatives so they could progress these for the benefit of the industry.

The centre had a pan-Scotland remit and had developed working relationships across Scotland and knowledge bases which could be used on appropriately progress innovation in the construction industry.

There consensus among those attending that the centre was a positive development and it was hoped that it would be used and prove to be beneficial for the construction industry.

AOCB

Mr Don suggested future business for the group could be aligned with future Scottish Parliament Committee business which would allow the group to advise committee members of wide spread of industries views on the topics.

Date of Next Meeting

The Convenor said that details of the next meeting would be circulated in due course.

CROSS-PARTY GROUP FOR CONSTRUCTION IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT/ BRIEF NOTES

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Attendance

N Don MSP

A Johnstone MSP

A Leslie – APS

S Good – Construction Scotland Innovation Centre

R Girvan – CITB

J McKinney - NSCC

G Nelson – FMB Scotland

A Watt – CECA Scotland

B Westland – Scottish Enterprise

D Wilson - SNIPEF

S Young – CECA/Breedon Aggregates