

CPG for Funerals and Bereavement

6pm, Wednesday 3 June 2015

Room TG20/21

Minutes

In Attendance:

Stuart McMillan MSP
Willie Coffey MSP
Alan Slater
Dr Mini Mishra
Christine Armour
Catherine Dunlop
Sarah Manson
Dr George Fernie

James Blackburn
Julie Love
Harry Lindsay
Gerard Boyle
Graeme Brown
Elaine Brown
John Birrell
David Beamer (Secretary)

Item 1: Apologies

Nanette Milne MSP
Bob Doris MSP
Paul Cuthell
William Millar
Ann McMurray

Dom Maguire
Nigel Lymn Rose
Brian Gegan
Mark Hazelwood

Item 2: Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Item 3: Update

A discussion was held on plans to introduce new legislation covering burial and cremation in Scotland.

As no legislation had yet to be published, it was agreed to discuss the legislation at the next Group meeting that would be our Annual Meeting.

Item 4: Presentations on death certification

A series of presentations were delivered to the Group on the topic of death certification.

The following experts involved in developing, introducing and/or administering the new death certification system outlined the changes:

- Cathy Dunlop, Registrar's representative, National Advisory Group
- Dr George Fernie, Senior Medical Reviewer, Healthcare Improvement Scotland
- Graeme Brown, National Association of Funeral Directors representative, National Advisory Group
- Sarah Manson, Death Certification, Public Health Division, Scottish Government

A full copy of the presentation would be made available electronically after the meeting.

Item 5: Date of future meeting

To be confirmed.

Item 6: AOB

Stuart McMillan MSP put on record his thanks and best wishes to Alan Slater on his retirement.

John Birrell outlined the work underway to define funeral poverty.