

The Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group on Older People, Age and Ageing

Minutes

Wednesday 10th December 2014

Present

Present- Sandra White MSP(Convenor), Hannah Lister(Age Scotland), Elaine Murray MSP, Rhoda Grant MSP Nanette Milne MSP, Andrea Bocioaga(SIAA), Muriel Mowat(SIAA), Anna Buchanan(Life Changes Trust), Yolanda Strachan(Age Scotland), Andrew Lindsay(Big Lottery Fund), Owen Miller(Alzheimer Scotland), Patricia Cantley (British Geriatrics Society), Rohini Sharma Joshi(Trust Housing Association), Greg McCracken(Age Scotland), Christos Theodorakopoulos(Queen Margaret University), Philippa Faulkner(HIV Scotland), Owen Miller(Alzheimer Scotland), Robin Morton(CCACE)

Apologies- Tom Berney(SOPA), Glenda Watt(SOPA), Val Crookston, Pat Scrutton, Diana Findlay, Alex Stewart, Mike Liddle(Scottish Govt),

2. Convenor's Welcome

3. Minutes from last meeting

There was an update from Sandra White MSP on the points made and recorded from the previous meeting.

Item 7- BSL interpreter-Sandra informed the CPG that she had spoken with the Scottish Parliament's Corporate Body which stated it has had other requests for a BSL interpreter but that it cannot pay for this provision through Parliamentary funds, it would need to come from the CPG account.

Sandra reported that the CPG currently has £322.72 in the bank account, and that the group may wish to consider how to spend this money at the next meeting. It was raised that this would not cover the provision for a BSL interpreter, but that perhaps the group should look at the issue of membership subs at the next meeting. The treasure, Yolanda Strachan, voiced her concern that the relevant change hadn't been made to put her as a signatory on the bank account and she wished to state that she therefore at present has no access to the funds. As we are now half way

through the financial year and the AGM was in June, Yolanda posed the question to the group about whether it was now appropriate for them to change the signatory for the remainder of the financial year. Sandra White MSP stated that her office had, this morning, contacted the Royal Bank of Scotland about the issue of changing over signatories to the account. They had informed her office that it could take upwards of six months to change over the signatures to the account. It was therefore suggested and agreed by the group that the issue of the bank account should be put onto February 2015's agenda.

Rohini stated that this did not deal with the lack of inclusion issue due to the lack of provision of a BSL interpreter. It was felt that more discussion into this was needed, given the cost involved.

Owen Miller from Alzheimer Scotland informed the CPG that the consultation on Advanced Illness was now available online and asked if the Secretary, Hannah Lister, could circulate the details to the group. Hannah agreed.

4.Presentation from Christos Theodorakopoulos, QMU

Presentation attached. This was followed by questions.

5.Presentation from Muriel Mowat and Andreea Bocioaga, SIAA

Presentation attached. This was followed by questions from the group.

6.Future Meeting dates

Future meetings of the CPG will be held on-
Wednesday 4th February 2015 1pm Committee Room 1