

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

Minutes

10th June 2015

1. Present

Present - Sandra White MSP(Convenor), Rik Hodgson (HIV Scotland), Katherine Brookfield (University of Edinburgh), Hannah Lister (Age Scotland), Chris White, Rhoda Grant MSP, Anne Gallacher (Luminate), Owen Miller (Alzheimer Scotland), Yolanda Strachan (Age Scotland), Maire Cox (University of Edinburgh), Dorothy Sutcliff, Shamemah Choudhury (Scottish Government), Daryll Archibald (University of Edinburgh), Alison Clyde (Generations Working Together), Rohini Sharam Joshi (Equality Scotland), Aidan Collins (HIV Scotland), Muriel Mowat (SIAA), Edna Sim (SIAA), Andrew Lindsay (Big Lottery Fund), Tom Berney (SOPA), Glenda Watt (SOPA), Nanette Milne MSP,

2. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed.

3. Election of Office Bearers

Convenor - Sandra White MSP

Nominated by Nanette Milne MSP, seconded by Rhoda Grant MSP

Vice Convenor - Nanette Milne MSP

Nominated by Rhoda Grant MSP, seconded by Sandra White MSP

Secretary - Glenda Watt (SOPA)

Nominated by Hannah Lister Age Scotland, seconded by Rhoda Grant MSP

Treasurer - Christopher White PA to Sandra White MSP

Nominated by Rhoda Grant MSP, seconded by Nanette Milne MSP

4. Speech by Rik Hodgson, HIV Scotland

Rik began by challenging the stereotypes associated with older people, sexual activity and sexual health generally. He discussed some of the particular challenges associated with aging with HIV, highlighting the uncharted territory now being entered as people live longer with HIV. Rik stressed the importance of increasing both awareness and understanding of sexuality and sexual health in relation to older people amongst health professionals to ensure that services were appropriate and sensitive.

(NB The presentation by Rik is attached)

4. Speech by Katherine Brookfield, The University of Edinburgh

Katherine detailed the research being done as part of the Mobility, Mood and Place study to explore how places can be designed collaboratively to make pedestrian mobility easy, enjoyable and meaningful for older people. The study explores how the way in which we experience environments influences our mood and, in turn, our willingness to be active, using both subjective and objective approaches. There is wide potential to translate the co-design model employed by the study to different contexts, and to open up the design process. In doing so, the aim is to expand the number of people involved in decisions that affect them to improve the quality of those decisions.

(NB The presentation by Katherine is attached)

5. AOCV

A reminder that SOPA is hosting a reception in Parliament on Wednesday 9th September 6-8pm. This is also the date of the next meeting of the CPG. Sandra will look into a tour of Parliament and refreshments for those travelling to Edinburgh and wishing to attend both events.

Equality Scotland are hosting The Healthy Diet and Lifestyle national seminar for Ethnic Minority Older People on Wednesday 17th June in Dollar.

The deadline for Stage 1 applications to Investing in Communities will close on 30th June.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CPG will be held on -
Wednesday 9th September 1pm