

Minutes of meeting of Scottish Showmen's Guild Cross Party Working Group held on 9th Dec 2014 in the Scottish Parliament Edinburgh. Commencing 6pm.

Attending MSPs-

Richard Lyle MSP (Convenor Cross Party Group)
Mary Fee MSP (Co convenor Cross Party Group)
Christina McKelvie MSP
Claire Baker MSP

Attending Showmen's Guild Members

Philip Paris (Junior Vice President Showmens Guild)
George H Codona (Chairman Scottish Section)
Norman Thomas (Vice Chairman Scottish Section)
Spencer Hiscoe (Treasurer Scottish Section)
Trevor Smith (Scottish Section Committee)
Christine Stirling (Scottish Section Committee)

Agenda

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of Meeting- 27th May 2014
- 3) Business arising from previous Minutes
- 4) Introduction of new Chairman and Vice Chairman
- 5) Discussion regarding 1982 licensing (Scotland) Act
- 6) AOCB

APOLOGIES

David Torrance
John Mason
Siobhan McMahon MSP

Minutes of AGM 27th May 2014

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Business Arising From Minutes

Richard Lyle- Ongoing discussions with West Lothian and the Police regarding the Street Traders License request for snack bars operating within the confines of a Funfair in that area.
G H Codona- West Lothian have an attitude you can't get around.

1982 civic Government Act (Scotland)

R Lyle- would try to get a meeting with the justice secretary in early in January. He wanted to take local authorities head on but was worried that some individual could end up in trouble and suggested the Showmen's Guild should take the burden.

M Fee- Tackling it head on is the way to go. We need to look for examples of best practice.

G H Codona- The English and Welsh way is best practice.

T Smith- described in detail how section 41 of the act has exemptions that should be applied to funfairs and Bodies Corporate under section 115 of the 1982 act could be taken to the Lord Advocate to deal with local authorities.

Action- T Smith and GH Codona to commit Trevor's procedure to paper with respect to obtaining a license. This is to be put to the Cabinet Minister in a Cross Party Motion to look at the 1982 act.

M Fee & R Lyle tactically asking "P&Q's" about Funfairs.

Showmens Guild to re send their findings from 32 Local Authorities questionnaire relating to Licensing of Funfairs in those areas.

AOCB

Discussion arose about a small event to raise awareness and support to amend the 1982 act for Showmen.

ACTION – Richard Lyle MSP to get a date of availability.

Showmen's Guild to provide a display (Models or popup signs, Wooden Horses)

Philip Brown to seek availability of a Committee Room.

(Committee Room costs of £1k-£2k were mentioned dependent on numbers). Costs to be met by The Showmens Guild.

Meeting Closed at 7:15pm