

**Minute of Scottish Showmen's Guild Cross Party Group AGM,
held on Tuesday 19th May 2015, In the Scottish Parliament, commencing
5:30pm.**

Attending MSP's

Richard Lyle MSP (Convenor CPG)
Mary Fee MSP (co Convenor CPG)
John Mason MSP
Claire Adamson MSP
Anne McTaggart MSP

Attending Showmen's Guild

George Henry Codona (Chairman Scottish Section)
Spencer Hiscoe (Treasurer Scottish Section)
Christine Stirling (E.L.O Scottish Section)

Agenda

Apologies
Minutes of last AGM
Election of Office Bearers
Amendment to the Air Weapons and Licensing Bill
Future work plan of CPG-Members discussion
AOCB

Apologies-

Norman Thomas (Vice Chairman Scottish Section)

Election of CPG Officials-

Richard Lyle- Convenor
Mary Fee- co Convenor
Jane Rodgers- Secretary

Mr Lyle was given permission in principle to approach another Conservative MSP with a view to them becoming a 2nd co Convenor.

Amendment to the Air Weapons Bill

Mr Lyle reported that he had received a wording amendment from the Bill Team, that if supported would exempt travelling funfairs from the 1982 civic Government act.

after section 67, insert-<public entertainment licenses: exemption for funfairs, in section 41 of the 1982 Act (public entertainment licenses), after subsection (2)(aa) insert-"(ab) premises used for the purpose of a funfair;".>

Mr Lyle is to present his amendment next week (if not hindered by additional amendments to the act). The Scottish Section CPG are invited to sit in the Gallery. Mr Mason was worried about lack of consultation and the view that we are taking powers away from LAs.

ACTION- Showmens Guild to send Richard Lyle, Mary Fee explanation of how taking fairs works in England.

Showmens Guild to prepare short Q&A to be distributed to MSPs as a consultation, concentrating on bullet points, fairness and facts.

Mr Lyle to provide the mailing list and view final draft.

Future Work Plan

To continue to combat licensing.

For Mr Lyle and Claire Adamson to approach Marion Fellows MP, to join Westminster CPG to assist Scottish Section.

AOCB

Mr Codona advised that the European Showmen's Union had requested to hold their AGM in Scotland this July, that we would welcome a visit from our CPG members.

Action- Showmens Guild to arrange a venue for the ESU and advise CPG members.

Mr Lyle suggested asking GCC for free use of the City Chambers and the Scottish Section providing a finger buffet.

Meeting Closed 6:40pm