

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Scottish Showmen's Guild

DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

21st September 2011

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

19th May 2015

DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]

12th March 2014

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

9th June 2015

GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

27th May 2014

Attending:-

Richard Lyle MSP
Mary Fee MSP

John Mason MSP
David Torrance MSP
Philip Paris
Alex James Colquhoun
Spencer Hiscoe

Main subjects discussed:-

1) West Lothian District Council

For Years the Council is insisting on Street Trader licences for vendors within the Funfair and were now asking for perimeter fencing of funfairs which is against HSE guidelines. Richard Lyle to arrange a meeting with Gill Imery of Scottish Police and West Lothian Council. Also invite Gill Imery and Melvin Sandell to the debate in Parliament on 19th June.

2) Report from TLT Solicitors

The Showmen's Guild had appointed lawyers to do a report on Licensing of Funfairs. The document produced was distributed to the Cross Party Group. Richard Lyle to send the report to the 32 Local Authorities.

3) Kirkcaldy Links Market

The fair was well attended due to the good weather and Easter Holidays. The National Fairground Investigation Team attended the fair for several days and had no negative reports as the fair is well organised.

9th December 2014

Attending:-

Richard Lyle MSP
Mary Fee MSP
Christina McKelvie MSP
Claire Baker MSP

George Henry Codona
Philip Paris
Norman Thomas
Spencer Hiscoe
Trevor Smith
Christine Stirling

Main subjects discussed:-

1) Introduction of new Chairman and Vice Chairman

New Scottish Section Chairman, George Henry Codona, and Vice Chairman, Norman Thomas duly elected at the Showmen's Guild AGM in November 2014

were introduced to the CPG

2) Discussion regarding 1982 licensing (Scotland) Act

Richard Lyle to try and arrange a meeting with the Justice Secretary in early January 2015 . Discussion on how Section 41 of the Act has exemptions that should be applied to funfairs and bodies corporate under Section 115 of the 1982 Act. Suggested this could be taken to the Lord Advocate regarding Local Authorities. Required procedure in obtaining a licence to be put to the Cabinet Minister in a Cross Party Motion to look at the 1982 Act.

19th May 2015

Attendng:-

Richard Lyle MSP
Mary Fee MSP
John Mason MSP
Claire Adamson MSP
Anne McTaggart MSP

George Henry Codona
Spencer Hiscoe
Christine Stirling

Main subjects discussed:-

1) Election of Office Bearers - Re-elected:-

Richard Lyle MSP - Convenor
Mary Fee - Co Convenor
Jane Rodgers - Secretary

Agreed Richard Lyle to contact another Conservative MSP with a view to becoming a second co-convenor

2) Amendment to the Air Weapons and Licensing Bill

Richard Lyle to submit the following amendment to Parliament next week:-

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

John Mason MSP worried about the lack of consultation and the view that powers are being taken away from Local Authorities.

Showmen's Guild to prepare short Q&A to be distributed to MSPs as a consultation.

3) Future work plan of CPG - Members discussion

To continue to combat licensing

Richard Lyle MSP and Claire Adamson MSP to approach Marion Fellows MP
To join the Showmen's Guild of Gt Britain CPG at Westminster.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Richard Lyle - SNP

Mary Fee - LAB

Christina McKelvie - SNP

Clare Adamson - SNP

Jamie McGrigor - CON

John Mason - SNP

David Torrance - SNP

Chic Brodie - SNP

Siobhan McMahon- LAB

Claire Baker - LAB

Anne McTaggart -LAB

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals	George Henry Codona Philip Paris Spencer Hiscoe Christine Stirling Jane Rodgers - Secretary
Organisations	Showmen's Guild Scottish Section

GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a

matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Richard Lyle MSP
Deputy Convener	Mary Fee MSP
Secretary	Jane Rodgers
Treasurer	Not Applicable

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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