

CROSS PARTY GROUP on ARCHITECTURE and the BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Notes of Meeting

**Special Meeting on 22nd November 2016, 6pm
Committee Room 2
The Scottish Parliament**

Present:

Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation
Ms	Linda	Fabiani MSP	Convenor
Mr	Nick	Allan	Nick Allan Associates/RICS
Mr	Neil	Baxter	RIAS
Mr	Christopher	Dingwall	Scotland's Garden & Landscape Heritage
Mr	Nick	Domminney	Hoskins Architects
Ms	Kelly	Forbes	ICE Scotland
Mr	John	Lawson	CECAS
Mr	Jim	Macdonald	Architecture & Design Scotland
Mr	Daniel	McKendry	Architecture & Design Scotland
Mr	John	Mulholland	Planning Democracy
Mr	Euan	Leitch	BEFS
Ms	Meg	Nelson	GVA (Planning Team)
Mr	Tavish	Scott MSP	
Mr	James	Simpson	Simpson & Brown/ICOMOS - UK

Apologies:

Title	First Name	Surname	Organisation
Mr	Ian	Appleton	
Mrs	Marjorie	Appleton	
Mr	Keith	Baker	Glasgow Caledonian
Ms	Eirene	Beautyman	
Ms	Alison	Blamire	
Ms	Marie	Christie	VisitScotland
Mr	Hugh	Crawford	
Ms	Meabhann	Crowe	
Ms	Jocelyn	Cunliffe	Gray, Marshall and Associates
Mr	Hew	Edgar	RICS
Mr	Tim	Gray	Holmes Miller
Ms	Rebecca	Hughes	Landscape Institute Scotland
Mr	Ryan	MacDonald	Housing Options Scotland
Ms	Eila	Macqueen	Archaeology Society
Prof	David	McClellan	Scott Sutherland School of Architecture
Ms	Suzanne	McIntosh	
Mr	Craig	McLaren	RTPI
Mr	Gordon	Munro	
Mr	Calum	Murray	C-C-G

Mr	Kevin	Murray	
Mr	Hamish	Neilson	
Mr	Bill	Pagan	
Ms	Gwen	Raez	VisitScotland
Mr	Keith	Winter	Fife Council
Ms	Rebecca	Wober	

1. Welcome and Update

Ms Fabiani welcomed all those in attendance and indicated that all of the requirements of Parliamentary procedure had been attended to in accordance with Scottish Parliamentary rules regarding Cross Party Group.

2. Office Bearers 2017

The Convenor of the Group, Linda Fabiani MSP, was re-nominated for this role and the meeting was unanimous and positive on her continuing in this capacity. Tavish Scott MSP was nominated for the role of Vice Convenor and again there was unanimous agreement.

There was some discussion around office bearers and the necessary qualifications. It was agreed that Craig McLaren's offer (in absentia) to continue to serve as Group treasurer was welcomed.

As Eugene Mullan had stepped down as Secretary, the meeting nominated Neil Baxter for this role and he was duly elected by assent.

3. Financial Report

The report from Craig McLaren that indicated there was £1,271.72 in the account was welcomed (financial statement attached).

4. Issues for Future Meetings

A number of issues were proposed. These included Brexit (NB agreed to contact John Kampfner of the Creative Industries Federation), climate change, housing, the Edinburgh Schools Inquiry, procurement, skill shortages, heritage protection, archaeology and heritage (particularly regarding local authority roles). It was agreed that in light of the impending new legislation on planning, this would be a positive first meeting. The Chair indicated that she would contact the Minister in the hope that he might participate.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 31st January 2017.