

**The Cross Party Group on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness
AGM**

**Monday 24th August 2020
11.00 am to 1.00 pm, online via Webex**

Focus on: **Coming out of lockdown**

Minutes

1. Welcome:

Clare Adamson, MSP, welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and AGM. Ms Adamson noted that the meeting is being recorded for Minute purposes but if anyone is uncomfortable they can turn their video off.

2. Minute's Silence

Ms Adamson discussed the implications of COVID-10 and led a minute's silence in respect and remembrance of those who have lost their lives during the pandemic.

3. Present and apologies

Ms Adamson asked everyone to mute themselves and to put an "R" in the chat function if they had a specific question. Ms Adamson welcomed Maurice Corry, MSP and Mark McDonald MSP to the meeting.

Ms Adamson advised that a list of those present and apologies received had been collated by the Secretary and would be attached as an Appendix to the Minutes of the Meeting (See Appendix One).

Ms Adamson noted that the Sederunt has not been fully completed in previous meetings and it was very important to do this for the Parliamentary records.

Ms Adamson noted that the headlines and secretary report has been stopped at the moment due to COVID-19. Elizabeth noted that there were challenges to do the Headlines Newsletter as people have not been sending on information. Elizabeth asked for any events, information, campaigns etc to be sent to her for this report.

Elizabeth went on to note that there is no official Secretary's Report but the Annual Return has been done and will need submitted within 30 days of this meeting.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a. Accuracy

The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record of proceedings, proposed by Brian Topping and seconded by Elizabeth Lumsden.

b. Matters Arising:

Ms Adamson noted that she had written to the Glasgow Subway regarding safety issues for people who have impairment with sight and hearing. She has also been in touch with North Lanarkshire council to confirm that they have access panels. The CLAN who attended the last meeting wanted to update to inform the group that their campaign for a traffic calming area has been agreed by the council.

5. Annual General Meeting

(a) **Election of office bearers**

Ms Adamson handed over to Elizabeth Lumsden for the election of the office bearers. Elizabeth asked for a proposal for a Convenor. Brian Topping proposed Clare Adamson, MSP and Yan Miller seconded this.

Elizabeth handed back to Ms Adamson who asked for suggestions for a Vice Convener. Brian Topping proposed Maurice Corry and Ms Adamson seconded this noting Mr Corry's work in water safety.

Ms Adamson noted the fantastic work that RoSPA does in providing the Secretariat. Brian Topping proposed RoSPA to continue as Secretariat which was seconded by Michael Avril.

(b) **Annual return**

Any comments on the draft should be received by the Secretary (elumsden@rospa.com) no later than Monday 7th September.)

6. Three minute pitches

A number of three minute pitches were then delivered by the following:

- Robert Atkinson (Scotland's Health at Work/Healthy Working Lives): Mentoring SMEs
- Michael Avril (Water Safety Scotland): Scotland's Water Safety Strategy: two year review

Two Year Review: <https://bit.ly/2FDdjVA>

2019 Waid Report: <https://bit.ly/3hvpEIQ>

- Roger Lewis (Lion Safety): Legionnaires and businesses opening up
- Elizabeth Lumsden (RoSPA): RoSPA Webinars
- Andrew Barlett (Advice Scotland): Faulty goods
- Carlene McAvoy (RoSPA): Preventing Future Fatalities
- Karen McDonnell (ScORSA): Fatigue, including driving for work
- Alistair Perry (Scotland's Fire & Rescue Service): Latest campaign targeting over 50s.
- Gregor Steele (SSERC): Schools opening up/teachers working from home

Ms Adamson thanked all the speakers for the pitches and noted that she could take forward awareness around Robert Atkinson's work and that Mr Corry could take on those that related to water safety. Ms Adamson also noted her intention to get in touch with Aileen Campbell, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government to discuss SFRS work in regards to vulnerable people.

7. Discussion and Questions

Martyn Raine of SNIPEF offered support to Robert Atkinson regarding the mentoring scheme as well as asking Roger about nitro gloves. He noted he has seen a shortage certain PPE (such as nitro gloves). Roger responded that there are shortages across the market in general PPE but that his company has tracked this and forward ordered and so they have stock for the front line clients. Roger has passed further details on to the Secretary should anyone be experiencing challenges securing PPE. Martyn also noted to Karen McDonnell that he would support any road-related safety campaigns.

Martin Hunt wanted to ask a question but his microphone was not working. Ms Adamson asked him to use the chat function to ask the question.

In the meantime Kathy Jenkins noted her support for the mentoring programme and also noted the STUC have a number of health and safety reps to help work with

companies. Scottish Hazards have also been providing a service for people not in Unions.

Alistair Perry noted how much he has enjoyed the RoSPA webinars in home and water safety. He urged members of the CPG to share the information so that the webinars can get bigger exposure. Alistair also acknowledged the work of Water Safety Scotland and noted its example of great partnership working.

Robert Atkinson noted that the fatalities work from Carlene and the SFRS campaign from Alistair is important to be shared. Robert suggested that the three minute pitches be used for the original request by Elizabeth Lumsden for the Headlines Newsletter. Ms Adamson agreed that this was an excellent idea and Elizabeth noted she was happy for the presenters to send on information for the newsletter.

Martin Hunt asked for support of an awareness campaign to target the ageing population about the increase in scams from so called banks and the like. Mr Corry noted that he was interested in this topic and has been doing some work in this area.

Mr Corry then went on to note that he has been working in water safety with Carlene and Elizabeth from RoSPA. He noted he had written to West Dunbartonshire Council about a water safety policy after a fatality in the River Leven. He asked to meet with Michael Avril and RoSPA to discuss water safety policies and the need to make this a statutory duty.

Lorraine Gillies from SCSN noted that Neighbourhood Watch Scotland has a national alert system and that SCSN is a part of anti scams group and so can get Martin involved and show him how the alert system works.

Ms Adamson noted that it would be important for all members to take away learning from today and how better we can support each other via improved communication.

8. Date of the Next Meeting – Wednesday 4th November 2020.

Ms Adamson thanked everyone for their attendance and support for the CPG. She thanked all the speakers and RoSPA for providing the meeting platform.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th November 2020. It has not be confirmed if this will be online or not.

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Appendix One – Attendees and Apologies

MSPs

Clare Adamson	Convenor
Maurice Corry	Vice Convenor
Mark McDonald	

Members and Speakers

Robert Atkinson	Health Working Lives
Michael Avril	Water Safety Scotland
Andrew Bartlett	Advice Scotland
Josh Box	SCSN
Vince Bowles	Scottish Autism
Claire Burnett	RCPCH
Mark Carroll	
Hannah Dickson	SCSN
Jim Dorman	St Andrews First Aid
Lorraine Gillies	Home Safety Scotland
Brian Harley	

Sheena Harper	RLSS
Fiona Hodgson	SNIPEF
Martin Hunt	Tartan Silk
Kathy Jenkins	Scottish Hazards
John Johnston	Technip FMC
Gillian Kelly	
Roger Lewis	Lion Safety
Wayne Mackay	ESF
Karen McDonnell	ScORSA
Cherie Morgan	PlayScotland
Andy Murray	Canoe Scotland
Jamie Nimmo	COBIS
Alasdair Perry	SFRS
Martyn Raine	SNIPEF
Carolyn Reid	ScORSA
Gregor Steele	SSERC
Brian Topping	Safety Advocate
Jan Miller	UWS

In Attendance

Elizabeth Lumsden	RoSPA (Secretariat)
Carlene McAvoy	RoSPA (Minutes)
Alistair Taylor	Clare Adamson's office
Andrew Tromans	RoSPA (Communications Officer)

Apologies

Christopher Bell	SCOTSS
Andy Cathro	Dundee and Angus Colleges
Willie Clark	NWS
Hannah Dale	NHS Tayside

Mark Lilley

NHS GGC