

CPG Animal Welfare Inaugural Meeting

TG20-21, 14th June 2016, 18:00

Attendance

Christine Grahame MSP, Alison Johnstone MSP, Colin Smyth MSP, Miles Briggs MSP, Gail Ross MSP, Gillian Martin MSP

Apologies

Rhona Mackay MSP, Emma Harper MSP

Minutes

1. Office Bearer Elections

1.1 Christine Grahame was re-elected as Convener having been nominated by Alison Johnstone which was seconded by Miles Briggs

1.2 Colin Smyth and Alison Johnstone were elected Co-Deputy Conveners. Colin Smyth was nominated by Gail Ross which was seconded Miles Briggs. Alison Johnstone was nominated by Christine Grahame which was seconded by Gail Ross.

1.3 Niccole Hamilton from BASC was elected as Secretary, reprising her role from the previous session.

1.4 It was agreed that no treasurer was required as no charges are currently made. If the group is re-established the group may decide to appoint a treasurer subject to any charges being agreed in future.

2. MSP Members

2.1 The following MSPs have agreed to be members of the CPGAW: Alison Johnstone (GRN), Colin Smyth (Lab), Miles Briggs (Con), Alex Cole-Hamilton (LD), Emma Harper (SNP), Gail Ross (SNP), Rona Mackay (SNP) and Gillian Martin (SNP)

3. Purpose of the Group

3.1 It was agreed that the purpose of the group would be that which was previously outlined on the legacy paper:

“To provide a forum for opinion and information-sharing about animal welfare; to raise awareness of the importance of animal welfare; where consensus is reached to make proposals to introduce or amend legislation concerning animal welfare and provide information for possible parliamentary questions and motions.”

4. Next Steps

4.1 Christine’s office will submit the application form for the re-establishment of the CPGAW. To do this they will also contact all non-MSP members from last session and ask if they wish to participate in a re-established CPGAW.

4.2 The CPGAW cannot formally meet again until it has been approved

Meeting Closed