

Cross-Party Group on Credit Unions

Minutes of the AGM held at virtually at 12:30pm on the 21st of December 2020

Present

Angela Constance MSP
Claudia Beamish MSP
Johann Lamont MSP
Ruth Maguire MSP
Bill Hudson (ACE CU Services)
Julie Reddin (Mosshill CU)
Nancy MacGillivray (West Lothian CU)
Dawn Vear (UKCU)
Angela Hampson (Drumchapel CU)
Thomas McWhirter (Ayrshire CU)

Apologies

Dermot O'Neill (SLCU)

Natalie McQuade introduced herself to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

It was noted that Angela Constance would be standing down as co-convener and a member of the group. ABCUL noted their appreciation to Angela and her office staff, for all their hard work and time they have dedicated to the group over the past year.

Claudia Beamish noted her support for Natalie's comments and thanked Angela for her commitment to group. These comments were also reiterated by Nancy MacGillivray who thanked Angela for her commitment and support that has given to the constituency Angela serves.

There was an election of officers, with those present electing:

Claudia Beamish MSP: Convenor
Johann Lamont MSP: Deputy Convenor
Association of British Credit Unions Ltd: Secretariat

Natalie McQuade confirmed that the group continued to have the necessary number of MSPs and quorate meetings to be fully compliant with Parliamentary rules. Natalie also confirmed that the Annual Return for the group must be submitted by 20 January 2021.

It was confirmed that the group had discussed at the previous meeting on 10 December 2020 areas the group would like to cover in the year ahead, including the Scottish Governments plans for the remaining £7.5million in the credit union resilience fund, strengthening sustainability in the sector through wider access to training and creation of toolkits to be made available to all credit unions in Scotland, and also the 12 proposals to help expand affordable credit in Scotland as part of the Scottish Governments Programme for Government.

There was no other business and the meeting was brought to a close.