

**Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Disability**  
**Wednesday 5 September 2018**  
**The Robert Burns Room (CR1) The Scottish Parliament**  
12.30pm-2.30pm

In Attendance:

Jeremy Balfour MSP (Convenor), Stuart McMillan MSP (Vice-Convenor), Julia Shillitto (Jeremy Balfour's Office), Katie Mackie (Jeremy Balfour's Office), Rhona McGrath (Jeremy Balfour's Office), Michael McMahon (Secretary – DAS), Caroline Johnston (CoSLA), Beth Hall (CoSLA) Rosie Black (Dumfries & Galloway Council) John Speirs (GCIL), John Miller (Action Duchenne), Mike Harrison (SATA), John Ballantine (SATA), Faye Keogh (Turning Point Scotland), Emma Pauley (Parent/Carer), Deirdre Hemderson (Inclusion Scotland), Pauline Nolan (Inclusion Scotland), Carolyn Scott (SCOVI), Maggie Chapman (SCOVI) Richard Baker (Royal Blind), Maggie Ellis (PhoneAbility), Paul Cockburn, Callum MacGregor (Capability Scotland) Margaret Anslow (STUC Disabled Workers Cttee) Keith Robson (MS Society)

Apologies:

Jackie Baillie MSP, Peter Carruthers (South Edinburgh Amenities Group), Terry Robinson (Inclusion Scotland), Charlie McMillan (Capability Scotland), Jackie Maciera (West Dunbartonshire Access Panel), Yvonne Stevenson-Robb

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**1) Introduction**

The Convenor welcomed members and immediately moved to the next item of business for the AGM.

**2) Minutes of Previous AGM and Matters Arising**

The minutes were approved without any amendment. Moved: J Miller Sec: S McMillan MSP

**3) ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS**

Convenor – **Jeremy Balfour MSP** Moved: S McMillan MSP Sec: J Miller

Secretary – **Disability Agenda Scotland** Moved: P Nolan Sec: R Baker

Treasurer – Mike Harrison (SATA) Moved: J Ballantine Sec: F Keogh

## **Ordinary Meeting**

### **1) Minutes of Meeting on 20 June 2018 and Matters Arising**

Maggie Ellis asked for it to be noted that she had asked for an update on who had paid subscriptions and how much was in the CPG account. Mike Harrison advised that there had been little response to the request for funds. A discussion followed on how invoices would be required by some organisations, how these would be administered and how receipts would be produced where necessary.

With this alteration noted the minutes were approved. Moved J Miller Sec S McMillan.

### **2) Self-Directed Support – CoSLA**

Caroline Johnston, Beth Hall and Rosie Black outlined CoSLA's response to the Audit Scotland recommendations on SDS. They focussed on directing your own support and implementing the national SDS strategy.

CPG members then asked questions on a variety of issues such as the continuity of government funding, mitigating impact of BREXIT on workforce, appropriateness of eligibility criteria and understanding of terms like 'critical and substantial', the need for more transparency in the decision making process and the use of technology to ensure more efficient information gathering.

### **3) People-Led Panel Project – Inclusion Scotland**

Deirdre Henderson and Pauline Nolan from Inclusion Scotland gave a presentation on the new initiative designed to give individuals a voice on social care issues.

They advised that there would be a focus on adult social care support, that the panel would be engaging with the Scottish Government, CoSLA and others to obtain as much information as possible, there would be an emphasis of capacity building and growing confidence and generating new ideas for designing better systems of delivery.

Questions were raised by members on how to avoid relying too much on 'the usual suspects', how the government would use the information collated from the Panel and how the impact of the Panel would be measured.

Jeremy Balfour MSP suggested that Inclusion Scotland be invited back to a future meeting to discuss any evaluations of the success of the Panel. This was agreed.

### **4) A.O.B.**

John Miller provided an update on Powerchair Football and suggested that the CPG have presentation on this issue at a future meeting. This was agreed.

**The meeting closed at 2.30pm**