

**Minute of Scottish Showmen's Guild Cross Party Group Meeting,
held on Wednesday 9th November, In the Scottish Parliament, commencing
5:30pm.**

Attending MSP's

Richard Lyle MSP
Mary Fee MSP
Andy Wightman MSP
Clare Haughey MSP

Attending Showmen's Guild

William Hammond (Chairman Scottish Section)
Spencer Hiscoe (Treasurer Scottish Section)
Justin Codona (Showmen's Guild)
Christine Stirling (Showmens's Guild)

Agenda

Convenors Welcome
Business Arising
Air Weapons Bill Update
Consideration of Future Work by CPWG
AOCB

Apologies-

David Torrance MSP
John Mason MSP

Minute of previous meeting.

No Minutes were present.

Convenors Welcome.

Richard Lyle confirmed that the group had been secured again through the standards committee procedure.

AIR WEAPONS BILL

There was a copy of a section of the Air Weapons Bill. This stated that for exemption the weapons would need to produce a muzzle velocity less than 1 joule. It was discussed that possibly funfair airguns could be below this level. However this would need to be confirmed.

Licenses will be required after December 31st 2016.

All members who wished to apply for a license should do so to their nearest Chief Constable.

RL- Initially wanted to put Funfair licensing on back burner after M&D s incident.

WH- stated that licensing and HSE were not the same and highlighted the many other options of control through the law.

AW-This is about presentation, get points onto an A4 ie Q&A then seek out party support.

RL- If we don't see anybody against it then draft a letter to the minister (Annabelle Ewing) and put our questions to her.

RL- Will I start again (to amend 1982 act)? AW,CH,MF answered YES, backing from everyone.

MF-“It would be a shame to see it kicked into long grass.”

Consideration of future work

CS-Can we bring back the question of Identity?

RL-yes, get it back on and a letter for/to Mike Russell

AW-commented he was interested in the legality of Common Good Land with respect to licensing and entry.

AOCB

CH- informed us of the Scottish youth Parliament who were interested in seeking out minority or hard to reach groups within the community. She would like to find someone to talk to us from the youth parliament (14-18yrs) and asked if we had a similar Youth Guild.

BH- Who sets agenda for CPWG?

RL- We will welcome ideas from anyone, but **Scottish Section Chairman & Secretary** to set **agenda** and include any required **back ground information** and provide **minutes** of last CPWG meeting.

Action-

Showmens Guild to Draft an A4 of q&a to explain that amending the 1982 act in respect of Fairground licensing does not impair safety or lose control of the Fairground. To put down what we want and why.

Showmens Guild- find out energy of air weapons.

Showmens Guild to Find out the most populated area of Showmen youths so that a Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament from that area could come to speak to us and explain what the SYP is about.

Showmens guild to Inform Richard Lyle who is the CPWG chair in Westminster.

Richard Lyle to write to all Scottish LA's regarding who to contact in each area for land / parks letting.

Clare Haughey to ask if someone from the SYP would like to come and talk to us.

Andy Wightman will look into the law regarding Common Land access.

Next meeting set for Wednesday 18th January 2017 (check against Central Council dates).

Meeting Closed 6:30 pm