

**Minute of Scottish Showmen's Guild Cross Party Group,
held on Tuesday 1st October 2019, In the Scottish Parliament, commencing, 6:30pm.**

Attending MSP's

Richard Lyle MSP (Convener CPG)
Maurice Correy M.S.P

Attending Showmen's Guild

William Hammond (Chairman Scottish Section)
George Pinder (Treasurer Scottish Section)
John Stewart Miller (Committee Member, Scottish Section)

Agenda

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of last Meeting
- 3) LEZ Transport Bill
- 4) Licensing / Dual Licensing at Fairs
- 5) Update on Private Members Bill
- 6) Report on PAS Event -Better places for Scotland's Traveler Community
- 7) Any other business

1) Apologies

Jackson Carlaw M.S.P

2) Minutes of Previous Meeting

RL: Read minutes of previous meeting on 20th June 2019

3) LEZ Transport Bill

Attached (Copy of Letter received from Cabinet Secretary for Transport Michael Matheson)

R L: Everyone is looking for exemption, meeting on 18th September 2019 with Cabinet Secretary, who understood Showmen's needs possibly in regulation on exemption in Legislation. Maurice Correy to represent Richard Lyle as he can't make it.

4) Licensing / Dual Licensing at Fairs

Attached (Copy of Written Answer)

R L: We are looking for a version of this to be included in the bill.

WH: If there are five snack bars then that would be six licence's, who would be in charge overall?

RL: Food vans do not need a second licence at a funfair. The snack bars will be included in the new bill along with all other equipment. It will be issued on the presumption that it is a fit and proper person.

5) Update on Private Members Bill

MC: Evidence to support the bill, promote yourself as a professional body. Gather as much information as possible, how much does the fair bring into the town. 33.5% of the public for a survey to be accurate. Use the CPWG as a lever to help get our point across

6) Report on PAS Event -Better places for Scotland's Traveler Community

Wm H reported: This was for the gypsy traveler communities; they class us as Gypsy / Travelers. We are not consulted on any matters regarding planning. Planning officers from all over attended. How best to go forward in supporting the Showmen's Community.

RL: What would you like CPWG to do, have a meeting with Kevin Stewart, he could help.

WH: Explain we are a different group, try to get a meeting with COSLA

Wm H: We are on to attend in the Gallery, in the Committee Room for Census

MC: You have to attend, it's important for you as a Community, you must get your own identity. I'm having a meeting with COSLA and will have a word.

WH: Planning there is a new development with thousands of homes at Ravenscraig, was there any consideration for Showmen's sites

RL: No there wasn't any plans for Showmens Yards. North Lanarkshire has only three sites for Funfairs, I'm waiting on a meeting to discuss.

Wm H: Four different licence's plus rent increased by 300% in some Councils

RL: We must get across that Councils must not increase rent if they do away with the licence fee, council will increase rent to compensate. 300 thousand paid out by funfairs every year, price may decrease for rides if the Councils keep the costs down.

MC: Map of areas of Scotland were fairs take place.

ACTIONS-

Richard Lyle - Arrange meeting with Kevin Stewart

Morrice Correy – Arrange Meeting with COSLA

7) Any other business

Future Work Plan

To continue to combat licensing.

Meeting Closed 7:30pm