

**Minute of Scottish Showmen's Guild Cross Party Group,
held on Tuesday 4th February 2020, In the Scottish Parliament,
commencing, 7:00pm.**

Attending MSP's

Richard Lyle MSP (Convener CPG)

David Torrance MSP

John Mason MSP

Clare Adamson MSP

Maurice Correy MSP

Attending Showmen's Guild

Philip Parris (President Showmen's Guild)

Alex James Colquhoun (Chairman Scottish Section)

Sheldon Johnstone (vice Chairman Scottish Section)

George Pinder (Treasurer Scottish Section)

John Stewart Miller (Committee Member, Scottish Section)

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Update on the Proposed Licensing of Funfairs (Scotland) Bill
5. Concerns on Local Authorities implementing new regulations on Public Entertainment Licenses
6. Local Authorities and requests for dual licenses for snack bars at Fun Fairs
7. Local Authorities banning fairs in their local areas
8. Intangible Cultural Heritage | European Showmen's Union

- 9. AOCB
- 10. Date of Next Meeting

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1) Welcome

The Convener RL welcomed everyone in attendance.

2) Apologies

Marry Fee MSP

3) Minutes of Previous CPG Meeting

RL: Read minutes of previous meeting on 1st October 2019

4) Update on the Proposed Licensing of Funfairs (Scotland) Bill

RL : Gave an update on the bill

AJC/PP/GP/SM : All raised Questions on parts of the bill that had been asked by guild members and by guild lawyers

RL/JM/DT : All explained the reasons for the wording in some parts of of the bill and the parliamentary process

CA : Will get some information to the Guild on how the process goes from here what to expect and how best to prepare

5) Concerns on Local Authorities implementing new regulations on Public Entertainment Licenses

AJC : Raised Guild members concerns that Glasgow Council had implemented an environmental levy and the worry of other local Authorities bringing in similar types of rules

PP : Explained the process that guild members must go though to book sites including reinstatement bonds for any damage to parkland or property on site and that no problems had arisen that we are aware off

GP: Guild members pay rent, licence fee's and reinstatement bonds to put fairs on they don't need more charges it will make it unviable to run a fair

RL : This is just local authorities looking for money again

SM : The Guild wasn't consulted we only found out when they implemented this on the members surly there should have been some consolation

JM : I will make enquiries with Glasgow City Council

Action Showmen's Guild to get a meeting with Glasgow council and report back

7. Local Authorities banning fairs in their local areas

AJC : Concerns have been raised on local Authorities banning fairs in their local areas

RL : Unfortunately we had this with North Lanarkshire council a few years back because of a report by a council official

AJC : Explained in England they have the fairs act that gives fairs some small protection and obliges local Authorities to make sites available to funfairs it would be good to get similar legislation here in Scotland

Action guild to get more information on fairs act

8. Intangible Cultural Heritage | European Showmen's Union

PP/AJC/GP: Gave a report on a very successful trip to the European Showmen's union congress in Vienna PP was elected as a treasurer they have been working very hard to gain Showpeople intangible heritage status if the CPG give a letter to support this for upcoming meetings that would be great also if possible something from the Scottish government

Action CPG to give letter of support

9. AOCB

PP: Gave thanks for the fantastic reception held in parliament on behalf of all Showmen's Guild members and said how proud he felt on the day and that everyone involved from the guild felt the same all agreed.

Meeting closed 8.30