

**Scottish Showmen's Guild Cross Party Group,
held on Monday 6th July 2020, via Microsoft teams, 6:00pm**

Agenda

- 1) Apologies**
- 2) Minutes of Previous CPG Meeting**
- 3) Update on Members Bill**
- 4) COVID-19 update**
- 5) Government Funding**
- 6) Red Diesel Fuel Rebate for Showpeople**
- 7) Approval of Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting**
- 8) Election of Office Bearers**
- 9) Any Other Business**

Due to problems with attendee's signing in on Microsoft Teams the meeting was late starting and both Maurice Cory MSP and David Torrance MSP could not get signed in.

Attending MSP's

Richard Lyle MSP (Convener CPG)

John Mason MSP

Andy Wightman MSP

Attending Showmen's Guild

Philip Paris (President SGGB)

Alex James Colquhoun (Chairman Scottish section)

Sheldon Johnstone (Vice Chairman Scottish section)

George Pinder (Treasurer Scottish section)

Trevor Smith (Scottish section)

Jordan Evans (Scottish Section)

1) Apologies

The Convener RL gave Apologies for Mary Fee MSP.

2) Minutes of Previous CPG Meeting

RL: Read minutes of previous meeting on 4th February 2020

3) Update on Members Bill by Convener, Richard Lyle MSP

RL: Updated the Group on the bill being ready to go but with the current pandemic it was unclear when or if this would happen

AW: Explained that hopefully some bills would be going to committees but that it is not confirmed as of yet.

4) Covid-19 Update

AJC/PP: Explained that most fairs are now getting cancelled or postponed and the affect this would have on the Guild members.

RL: Asked if Government had been in touch directly with the Guild on the current Guidance

AJC: Answered not directly no, but that the Guild had contacted Government to be included in discussions.

Action RL to write to Government to ask for Guild to be included in Discussions on guidance.

5) Government Funding

AJC: Explained most Guild members were falling through the gaps in funding and most had received no financial help.

PP: Explained that some in England had received Grants but almost no one in Scotland had been given anything due to the mobile nature of our business.

RL/AW/JM All mentioned grants that they felt should be available.

PP/SJ/TS: All explained why Showpeople fell through the gaps on this funding.

Action RL contact Government on funding

6) Red Diesel Rebates for Showpeople

PP: Explained the impact that this would have on Showpeople and that although it's a Westminster Parliament subject support from the Scottish Parliament CPG would be most welcome.

7) Approval of Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

Approved. Vote: All in Favour

8) Election of Office Bearers

Convener: Richard Lyle MSP

Deputy Conveners: Mary Fee MSP, Jackson Carlaw MSP, Andy Wightman MSP

Secretary: Alex James Colquhoun (Non – MSP Member)

9) Close

Meeting Closed 7:45pm