



CPG ON CULTURE: MINUTES

17 JANUARY 2017, 5.30PM-8PM

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT, COMMITTEE ROOM 1

BBC CHARTER RENEWAL AND QUALITY DRAMA PRODUCTION

Introduction

The following MSPs were noted to be in attendance:

- Joan McAlpine (South Scotland) (SNP)
- George Adam (Paisley) (SNP)
- Ash Denham (Edinburgh Eastern) (SNP)
- Ben Macpherson (Edinburgh Northern and Leith) (SNP)

Group apologies received from:

- Lewis Macdonald (North East Scotland) (Lab)
- David Brew
- Alan Forgie
- Louise Gilmour-Wills
- Jane Humphries
- Gayle McPherson
- Marianne Mitchelson
- Rab Noaks
- Ann Packard
- Magdalena Schamberger
- Fraser Spiers

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Introduction to Session

Group Convener, Joan McAlpine MSP gave an introduction to the session, outlining previous Parliamentary interest in the topic, most notably through various Committee inquiries.

Panel Discussion

There then followed a panel discussion on the subject of BBC Charter Renewal and quality drama production, featuring:

- Andrea Calderwood, Producer, Potboiler Productions
- Professor John Cook, Professor of Media, Glasgow Caledonian University
- Bruce Malcolm, Head of Service Development, BBC Scotland
- Chris Young, Producer, Young Films

You can watch the discussion in full at the following link:

<http://www.cpgonculture.com/previous-meetings/17th-january-2017/>

Group Discussion

The discussion was then opened up to the Group and is similarly available online at the above link.

Action Point

It was agreed that Joan McAlpine would write to Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs to make her aware of the group's discussion and recommendations as to what the Scottish Government can do to further support production.

Any Other Business/Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 14 March 2017, in Committee Room 1 of the Scottish Parliament.

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