

CPG ON POVERTY – AGM: Minutes

16th December 2022

11:30-12

Online - Zoom

In attendance: Allan Faulds (the ALLIANCE), Amanda Foster, Amy-Lee Fraioli (Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP's Office), Bill Scott (Poverty and Inequality Commission), Caitlin Logan (OPFS), Charis Scott (CAP), Claire Donaghy (Independent Age), Daniela Rondina (SIAA), David Stewart (FEDCAP), Elaine Downie (The Poverty Truth Commission), Ewan McCall (The Wise Group), Gemma Richardson (Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health), Jamie Simpson (Edinburgh Cat and Dog home), Jill Marchbank, Kate Cunningham (Energy Action Scotland), Kate Robinson (National Lottery Community Fund), Lucy Higginson (East Lothian Council), Maddy Kirkman (Inclusion Scotland), Maureen Burke (CAP), Mike Corbett (NASUWT), Paul Spiker (RGU), Paul Sullivan (University of Strathclyde), Rhiannon Sims (Crisis), Savan Qadir (Refugees for Justice), Snow Curtis-Kolu (Includem), Stephen Sinclair (Scottish Poverty and Inequality Research Unit), Susan Lyons (Spirit Advocacy), Suzi Murning (Save the Children), Mary Mackay, Annie Mckenzie, Andrew Bustard

Apologies: Emma Roddick MSP, Dawn Exley (SCSN), Andrea Bradley (EIS), Keith Robson (Open University), Neil Cowan (Crisis)

MSPs: Pam Duncan-Glancy, Natalie Don MSP, Paul McLennan MSP, Beatrice Wishart MSP, and Carol Mochan MSP

Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP opens by welcoming members to the AGM. This is the first AGM the CPG on Poverty have conducted.

1. Election of office bearers

First order of business is the re-election of office bearers.

Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP vacates chair for election.

A) Election of convenor (chaired by Beatrice Wishart MSP)

- Current convenor is Pam Duncan Glancy MSP who has indicated her desire to continue as Convenor.
- **Proposed: Beatrice Wishart MSP, seconder: Natalie Don MSP**
- No other members have put their name forward.
- All present in agreement.
- Confirmed Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP as convenor.

B) Election of deputy convenor (chaired by Pam Duncan Glancy MSP)

- Beatrice Wishart has indicated her desire to be re-elected as deputy convenor.
- Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP proposed Beatrice Wishart as deputy convenor.
- No other members have put their name forward.
- All present in agreement.
- Confirmed Beatrice Wishart MSP as deputy convenor

C) Election of the secretariat to the CPG

- The Poverty Alliance have indicated their desire to continue as secretariat to the CPG on poverty.
- No other members have put themselves forward.
- Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP proposed The Poverty Alliance as secretariat. Beatrice Wishart seconded.
- All present in agreement.
- Confirmed Poverty Alliance as secretariat.

2. Update on the work of the CPG to date and the workplan for 2023

Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP takes the group through slides running through a summary of the first year of the CPG on poverty. Notes that this year

has been particularly difficult given the Cost of Living crisis and the wide ranging parliamentary activity responding to this.

Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP proposes plan for next year. Launch of stigma report by February 2023. Following inquiry will focus on rural poverty over 2023 with a report published towards December 2023.

Learning taken from this year about how to conduct inquiries and realistic goals and timescales.

Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP opened up floor for members to pose any questions or comments.

Savan Qadir – Refugees for justice asked how we can incorporate the experience of refugees and asylum seekers into the work of the CPG.

Susan Lyons – Has contacts to share experiences of rural poverty.

Bill Scott – Raised issues trying to get rural residents to talk about experiences of poverty in interview contexts. Asked members to share any contacts who may be interested. Pam Duncan Glancy said that it would be good to let the media know that the CPG will be doing work on rural poverty.

Natalie Don MSP – notes that rural poverty doesn't only apply to highlands and islands and that we need to be clear on our definition of rural poverty ahead of the inquiry.

Beatrice Wishart MSP agreed with Natalie Don's point and noted the unique experience of residents in the highland and islands. Welcomed the CPG's will work in this area

David Stewart – Asked about the role of intersectionality in rural poverty; how do we identify the highest need for individual support. Ruth Boyle highlighted the desire of the CPG to take an intersectional approach to our work and that this is something that has been considered within the stigma inquiry.

Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP – raised the work of the SJSS committee on their inquiry into parental employability

Paul McLennan MSP – noted experience of lone parents within the context of rural poverty. Ruth Boyle highlighted that the experience of lone parents is something that is covered in the stigma report.

Carol Mochan MSP – Noted the good work done by the CPG and expresses keenness to be involved this year, particularly on intersectionality.

3. Close

Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP closed meeting