

Cross-Party Group on Scottish Gypsy/Travellers

29th September 2021: 12.30pm

Minute

Present

MSPs

David Torrance
Maggie Chapman
Elena Whitham
Miles Briggs

Invited guests

Non-MSP Group Members

Suzanne Munday	MECOPP
Zoe Hisbent	Office Manager to David Torrance
Tony Cain	ALACHO
Dominique Barr	COSLA
Anisa Omar	Scottish Government
Leslie Drury	Article 12
Susan Townsley	Community Member
Virginia Francis	Community Member
Tommy Bennett	Community Member
Michelle Foy	Community Member

Apologies

Peter Ross	MECOPP
Charise Barclay-Daly	MECOPP
Mhairi Craig	MECOPP

Agenda item 1

David Torrance (MSP) welcomed attendees to the first meeting of the new Parliamentary Session.

Agenda item 2

David Torrance explained that the purpose of this meeting was to elect Office Bearers and the Secretariat to the Cross Party Group.

Election of Convenor: David Torrance (MSP) was proposed by Suzanne Munday (MECOPP) and seconded by Maggie Chapman (MSP). David Torrance (MSP) was elected Convenor.

Election of Vice Convenor: Maggie Chapman (MSP) and Miles Briggs (MSP) were proposed by David Torrance (MSP) as joint Vice Convenors and seconded by Elena Whitham (MSP). Maggie Chapman (MSP) and Miles Briggs (MSP) were elected as joint Vice Convenors.

Election of Secretariat: MECOPP was proposed as the Secretariat to the CPG by David Torrance (MSP) and seconded by Miles Briggs (MSP). MECOPP was appointed as Secretariat.

Agenda item 3

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 19th November 2021, 1.00 – 2.30pm subject to approval from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.