

Proposed Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care

Approved minute of meeting
Wednesday 26 September 2007 at 5.45pm
Scottish Parliament HQ, Edinburgh

Present:

Michael McMahon MSP	Bellshill & Hamilton
Jamie McGrigor MSP	Highlands & Islands
Phil Atkinson	Holyrood Magazine
Pauline Britton	Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care
Sandra Campbell	NHS Forth Valley
Dr Pat Carragher	CHAS
Dorothy McElroy	Ardgowan Hospice
Rebecca Patterson	Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care
Craig Stockton	Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association
Pat Wallace	Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care
Maggie White	Marie Curie Cancer Care
Dan Wynn	General Medical Council

Apologies:

Roseanna Cunningham MSP	Perth
Joan Adamson	St Columba's Hospice
Aileen Anderson	The Ayrshire Hospice
Dr Jennifer Armstrong	Scottish Government Health Directorate
Dr John Bass	Ayrshire Hospice
Dr Paul Baughan	NHS Forth Valley
Jo Bennett	SCAN
Dr T F Benton	St Columba's Hospice
Maureen Black	Macmillan Cancer Support
Rev Stuart Coates	Strathcarron Hospice
Margaret Colquhoun	St Columba's Hospice
Richard Dimelow	Scottish Government Health Directorate
Margaret Dunbar	St Columba's Hospice
Joyce Dunlop	Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation
Shirley Fife	NHS Lothian
Ann Gourlay	NHS Tayside
Anna Grady	Marie Curie Hospice, Glasgow
Wilma Halley	NHS Highland
Ellen Hudson	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Dr Stephen Hutchison	Highland Hospice
Dr Elizabeth Ireland	NHS Forth Valley
Linda Kerr	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Kirsty Leavey	Strathcarron Hospice
Dr Martin Leiper	NHS Tayside
Dr Lindsay Martin	NHS Dumfries & Galloway
Elaine MacLean	Care Commission
Paula McCormack	Highland Hospice
Dr Sheila McGettrick	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Maria McGill	Highland Hospice
Marie McGill	Scottish Huntington's Association
Irene McKie	Strathcarron Hospice
Gordon McLaren	NHS Fife
David McNiven	Sue Ryder Care

Apologies:

Susan Morrison	NHS Highland
Euan Paterson	RCGP
Elaine Peace	NHS Borders
Andrew Powrie-Smith	British Lung Foundation
Dr Clive Preston	NHS Fife
Dr Catriona Ross	St Andrew's Hospice
Robert Shorter	NHS Lanarkshire
Elaine Stevens	RCN Palliative Nursing Group
Bill Stewart	Tak Tent
John Sweeney	Cancer backup
Mollie Tevendale	NHS Fife
Anne Thomson	Scottish Huntington's Association
Debbie Thomson	Cancer Link Aberdeen & North (CLAN)
Janet Trundle	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Professor John Welsh	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Dr Stan Wright	NHS Forth Valley

1. Welcome

Michael McMahon thanked attendees for coming to the meeting. He explained that at the end of each parliamentary session cross party groups are required to be re-constituted, and this involves submitting re-registration forms to the Standards Committee. Although the Cross Party Group in Scottish Parliament for Palliative Care submitted these forms in time, it would seem that this paperwork was not received by the Standards Committee. The group therefore has to start afresh as a 'proposed' cross party group. The sole purpose of this meeting was to elect office bearers, to allow the necessary paperwork to be submitted to the Standards Committee and allow the cross party group to be re-formed. Letters of support had been received from Jamie Stone MSP and Roseanna Cunningham MSP, so the group has sufficient cross-party support.

2 Election of Office Bearers

Convenor

Jamie McGrigor MSP proposed Michael McMahon MSP and this proposal was seconded by Craig Stockton. There being no further nominations, Michael was elected unanimously.

Vice-Convenors

Michael McMahon MSP proposed Roseanna Cunningham MSP and this proposal was seconded by Pat Carragher.

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Since the rules allow for more than one Vice-Convenor, there was general agreement from the group that Roseanna Cunningham MSP and Jamie McGrigor MSP would both become Vice-Convenors of the group.

Secretary/Treasurer

Michael McMahon MSP proposed Patricia Wallace, and this was seconded by Maggie White. There being no further nominations, Patricia was elected unanimously.

3 Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5 December, at 5.45pm, and will focus on the launch of a publication on heart failure, produced by the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care and the British Heart Foundation. The previously scheduled presentation by the British Lung Foundation has been postponed to a future meeting.