

Cross-Party Group on Rural Policy

Tuesday 7th December 6-7:30pm

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Agenda item 1

Welcome, introductions and apologies

Edward Mountain MSP (chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He noted the MSPs in attendance and explained Emma Harper MSP was in a parliamentary debate but intended to join the meeting as soon as it was finished.

It was noted that all participants had been emailed the agenda and the list of attendees and that the Rural Policy Centre (RPC) as Secretariat has a note of all apologies received and would list them in the meeting minutes as usual.

It was reiterated that s would be uploaded to the CPG webpage within the RPC website after the meeting along with the unapproved minutes. Group members were encouraged to send the RPC an email if amendments were required in the minutes. The minutes will be formally approved at the next meeting in March. It was noted that the Secretariat will include any action points, links etc. in the meeting minutes.

Agenda item 2

Approval of minutes and recap of action items

Edward Mountain MSP motioned to approve minutes of the previous meeting.

Jane Atterton from the RPC Secretariat gave a recap of the action items from the previous meeting.

Susie Townend asked members to look out for the Scottish Government's response to the Climate Assembly report and to encourage Scottish Government action where there are commitments made to do so.

Artemis Pana (Scottish Rural Action) offered to facilitate ongoing discussions around the 20-minute neighbourhood concept and how it applies (or not) to rural and i

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The Secretariat (Abi Williams) raised the idea of encouraging ongoing discussion between CPG meetings via an online platform. Participants were asked to reach out to rpc@sruc.ac.uk if they have any suggestions for which platforms might be helpful or for general comments on this proposal.

Abi also reminded group members that the CPG group needs to update its mailing list. Group members will receive an email from the Secretariat shortly in relation to this.

Edward Mountain MSP concluded the meeting by thanking the speakers and the audience for their contributions.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th March 2022 more information to follow