

# 141<sup>st</sup> Executive Meeting

**Saturday, July 29th 2006**

**10.30a.m – 3.00p.m.**

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## **Record of Meeting**

### 141.1 Sederunt & Apologies

G.Reoch (Glasgow 5), M.Fawcett (Aberdeenshire), A.Lee (W.Dumbartonshire), A.McGroarty (Glasgow 3), S.McMenemy (N.Ayrshire), M.Easton (Highland), B.McGugan (Inverclyde), M.Gaughan (Glasgow 4).

Apologies: S.Panton (S.Lanarkshire), J.Noble (Argyll & Bute), B.Burke (Midlothian), L.Benton (N.Lanarkshire).

### 141.2 Minutes of previous meeting

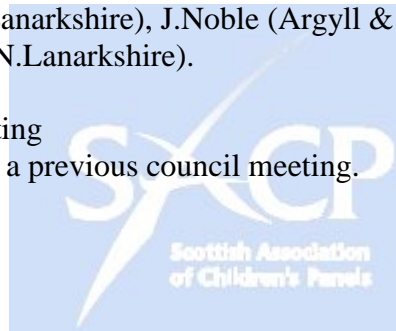
Proposed and accepted at a previous council meeting.

### 141.3 Matters Arising

None.

### 141.4 Correspondence

1. Letters of thanks from Marilyn Stenhouse and Gill Bayfield for the gifts they received upon their retirement.
2. Letter from the CPCG to The Care Commission complaining about conditions at Rossie School. The SACP meeting agreed this was a good initiative, and a necessary communication, but not all areas were aware of it. SACP secretary to send a letter to the CPCG asking how they intend to communicate this to all areas and request an update on what the latest situation is. Photographic ID was mentioned for access to places of this nature, and the meeting agreed to ask the CPCG if there are plans for every area to have Children's Panel photographic ID.
3. SCRA – Autism spectrum – There is no collation of the numbers of children on this spectrum that come in front of the Children's panel. SACP secretary to ask Alex Neill, MSP, if he has received and answer to his request for similar information.
4. Letter to CPAC, cc to SEED, to request if SACP could attend the CPAC AGM.
5. Letter to SEED. Requesting information on how many cases are unallocated to a Social Worker, by area.



141.5 Annual Report Update

Annual Reports sent, but 41 short. In future, 4 people required to perform the administrative task of posting this report to each panel member..  
SACP secretary to send a letter of thanks to the Scottish Exec for their help and hospitality. Barry McGugan to check the price of additional copies.

141.6 Database Update

Data base forms and database package received. Further updates required.

141.7 Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

141.8 Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report

141.9 Press Secretary's Report & Website

George has sent a letter to Sandie Simpson with the updated SACP report with a question as to why the previous version was not included as an insert in the last Communicator magazine and when it will be published.

Current website:- Child Law UK and Autism Spectrum conference, plus Annual Report and recent minutes will be sent and published on the website soon.

Press Reports:-

Press & Journal Aberdeen (Jul 7<sup>th</sup>) – report on child placed in a facility 400 miles away from his family at considerable expense.

Scotsman (Jul 8<sup>th</sup>) – Chief Constable of Dumfries & Galloway interview on how the Anti Social behaviour legislation is not the answer.

Glasgow Herald (Jul 10<sup>th</sup>) – crackdown on 'Neds' may lead to dedicated youth court. Also a report on a proposal to ban drug addicts from having children.

Glasgow Herald (Jul 11<sup>th</sup>) – Crackdown on 'Neds' failing as number of young offenders rose by 10% instead of being cut by 10%.

Evening Times (Jul 19<sup>th</sup>) – Anti Social behaviour roadshow touring 15 councils.

Press & Journal ( Jul 21<sup>st</sup>) – Moray getting new young offenders school.

Edinburgh evening news (Jul 22nd) – Scotland's youngest mother, recently drunk, absconding, etc, A lot of responses via e-mail to the newspaper. Very nasty comments towards the 12 year old.

New website:- proposal received from the Web developer. Exec committee members to review and make comments/suggestions on how to set up.

[www.sacp.org.uk](http://www.sacp.org.uk)

141.10 Conference Report/Future Events

No Conference Report available.

Known conferences :-

Peebles, Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, Scottish Assoc. for the Study of Offending – George Reoch /Margaret Gaughan interested in attending.

Cumbernauld, Thu 2<sup>nd</sup>/Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov, Children in Scotland Annual Conf. - ?

Edinburgh, Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, Children in Scotland, Unhappy Hours – Margaret Easton interested in attending.

29<sup>th</sup> Sep, Theraplay – Susan McMenemy attending.

6<sup>th</sup> Oct, Attachment – Susan McMenemy attending.

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Nov, CP National School, Dunblane Hydro – Barry McGugan & Mary Fawcett to attend on behalf of SACP.

#### 141.11 Custody Cases

A situation was described where children who had been involved in an incident with a knife had been held in the cells, then taken to the Sheriff Court and finally to a Panel, without having the opportunity to understand the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, receive legal advice or allowed contact with their parents. The reporter insisted the Panel chair should read the grounds to the child, even though the child had not received the same rights an adult would get. The chair, with a majority agreement from the other panel members, continued the case to allow the child proper consultation on these matters. It was felt that we should write a letter to SCRA highlighting this issue and asking for clarification on ‘putting the grounds’ under such circumstances, at an emergency hearing. It was commented on that we may see more of this, given the ‘zero tolerance’ approach currently in favour.

#### 141.12 Training

The Children’s Panel Training Unit’s 2006/7 schedule was made available for viewing by everyone at the meeting.

#### 141.13 Printer

It was agreed that Margaret Easton (secretary) and Barry McGugan (database administrator) should buy a printer, cartridges and stationery, compatible with their computers for not more than £150 and claim this back from the treasurer.

#### 141.14 Communication

Once the database and the web site is ready, we must communicate quickly with the members and agree on items, e.g. Good practice, Hints and tips, reminders, etc.

#### 141.15 AOCB

Mary Fawcett, the membership secretary, will write to Gordon Watt, SEED, to clarify the position on who pays for SACP travelling expenses. Once we have this Mary will write to the Panel chairs to advise our intention to enlist members to the SACP and offer to come to their areas to explain about our organisation and arrange elections in areas where there is no representative.

Glasgow Local Authority has refused to pay some SACP members their expenses for the AGM. Once we have clarification from SEED, we can follow-up on this.

#### 141.16 Key points for feedback

Letter about Rossie school from the CPCG

Good progress made on the Website.  
 Database taking shape.  
 SACP Annual Report distributed.  
 Rehabilitation of Offenders Act.

141.17	Date of future meetings	
	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Stirling
	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Glasgow
	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Stirling
	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Stirling
	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June – AGM	TBA

### Summary of Actions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Actions</u>
Margaret Easton	Letter to CPCG about Rossie School and photographic ID.
Margaret Easton	Letter to Alex Neill about autism statistics
Margaret Easton	Letter to CPAC, cc to SEED, to request if SACP could attend the CPAC AGM.
Margaret Easton	Letter to SEED. Requesting information on how many cases are unallocated to a Social Worker, by area.
Margaret Easton	Letter to Scottish Exec thanking them for help with Annual Report.
Margaret Easton	Continue to work on the website with the developer.
Margaret Easton	Letter to SCRA clarifying situation on reading grounds at emergency hearings and on the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act.
All	Consider items for the website and communication items – bring to the next meeting.
George Reoch	Chase reply from Sandie Simpson or start afresh with her replacement.
Barry McGugan	to check the price of additional copies of the SACP Annual Report.
Barry McGugan	Update database
Mary Fawcett	Letter to Gordon Watt clarifying who pays SACP expenses.
Mary Fawcett	Communicate to Panel chairs after we receive response from Gordon Watt.
Margaret Easton	Follow-up with Glasgow Local Authority after we receive clarification from Gordon Watt.