

Cross Party Group on the UK: Changing Union

Minutes: 14 May 2014 Meeting, 8.30-9.30am, Conference Room 24, Ty Hywel

Members: David Melding AM (Chair), Mike Hedges AM, Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM, Simon Thomas AM, Professor Richard Wyn Jones (Director, Wales Governance Centre at Cardiff University), Lleu Williams (Project Coordinator UK Changing Union, Group Secretary).

Present: David Melding AM (Chair) Mick Antoniw AM, Antoinette Sandbach AM, Prof Richard Wyn Jones, Lleu Williams (Secretary)

External invitees: A full list of external attendees can be found at the end of the minutes.

1. Welcome

Chair welcomed members and external invitees to the meeting of the Cross Party Group on UK Changing Union.

2. Guest speaker: Dr Nicola McEwen, University of Edinburgh

Chair welcomed the Cross Party Group's guest speaker for the meeting, Dr Nicola McEwen who gave a talk on evaluating the prospects and implications of the Scottish independence referendum. Dr McEwen discussed how the referendum came about, what the reasons were for it before discussing its implications in Scotland, including both yes and no voting trends.

Dr McEwen then took questions from the group. Points that were raised included matters such as: the implications surrounding the lack of a written UK constitution, the implication of the independence referendum undermining debates in Wales and the need for a constitutional convention following the referendum.

3. Close of meeting

Chair thanked Dr Nicola McEwen for her contributions. Chair announced the date of the next meeting with Alan Trench on 11 June and duly closed the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: 0830AM 11 June 2014, Conf Rm 24, Ty Hywel

List of external invitees who attended:

James Dunn	Welsh Conservative Assembly Member Support Staff
Dr Rebecca Rumbul	UKCU SG member, Wales Governance Centre
Adam Evans	PHd student, Cardiff University
Ed Poole	LSE
Tomos Davies	Office of David Melding AM

Hugh Rawlings	Welsh Government
Anna Nicholl	Egino
Pete Badcock	
Annabelle Harle	
Catrin Jones	ITV
Owain Phillips	ITV
Peter Edwards	
Graham Henry	Western Mail
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Prof. Roger Scully	Wales Governance Centre