

Cross Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Fairtrade Cotton School Wear Campaign

Co-convenors: George Adam MSP and James Kelly MSP

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 23 May 2012

Attendance: James Kelly MSP, George Adam MSP, Claudia Beamish MSP, Alison Johnstone MSP, Fiona McLeod MSP, Patricia Ferguson MSP, Martin Rhodes (SFTF), Ian Miller (Scot Mid), Andy Mount (Livingston Fairtrade Group), Jim Sloan (Camglen Fairtrade Group), Victoria Ferguson (St Andrews High School), Karen Bowman (University of Edinburgh), Carlyn Miller (Camglen Fairtrade Group), Thomas Trimaille (SFTF) John Riches (Just Trading Scotland, Fiona Trafton (Office of Sarah Boyack MSP), Liz Armstrong (Co-operative Membership)

Apologies: Drew Smith MSP, Sarah Boyack MSP, Alison McInnes MSP

1. The meeting was chaired by Co-convenor, James Kelly MSP
2. The minutes of the meeting of 21 June 2011 reconvening the Cross Party Group on Fair Trade were agreed as a true and accurate record.
3. James Kelly MSP and George Adam MSP were nominated as Co-convenors by Claudia Beamish MSP and seconded by Patricia Ferguson MSP and elected unopposed. Martin Rhodes was nominated as Secretary by James Kelly MSP and seconded by Patricia Ferguson MSP and elected unopposed. It was agreed not to appoint any other office bearers.
4. The formal proceedings of the Annual General Meeting were concluded
5. Liz Armstrong of Co-operative Membership gave a presentation on Savour the Flavour, a joint programme undertaken by the Co-operative, Just Trading Scotland and the Scottish Fair Trade Forum.
6. It was agreed that the Co-convenors would lodge a motion in Parliament highlighting the Kilombero Rice 90Kg challenge and also contact the Parliament's caterers to discuss using the rice for a limited period, promotion or event.
7. The meeting agreed that the Secretary would circulate dates for future meetings.