

The Scottish Parliament
Cross-Party Group on Fair Trade
5:30pm, Wednesday 5 March 2014
The Scottish Parliament

Minutes of the meeting (draft)

Attendance: MSPs

George Adam MSP

James Kelly MSP

Patricia Ferguson MSP

External organisations/individuals:

Helen Reilly (BMA)

David Somervell (University of Edinburgh)

Karen Bowman (University of Edinburgh)

Rachel Farey (One World Shop)

Margot Hudson (One World Shop)

Ian Miller (Scotmid/Midlothian Fair Trade Group)

Deirdre Muldowney (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)

Martin Rhodes (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)

Andrew Dougall (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)

Martin Meteyard (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)

Apologies: Andy Mount, Richard McCready, Claudia Beamish MSP, Robin Stewart, Shirley Brown, Alison McInnes MSP, Alexis Hereen, Drew Smith MSP, Neil Bibby MSP.

Business of the meeting:

1. The meeting was chaired by George Adam MSP. The minutes of the January meeting were approved.
2. The Chair invited Mandira Kuikel Bhattarai and Amisha Bhandhari of Get Paper Industries (Nepal) to address the meeting.
3. There followed a discussion on topics including girls education, gender inequality, school-building and politics in Nepal.
4. It was noted that the next group meeting, the AGM, would take place in June.