

Minutes of AGM of Cross Party Group on Nuclear Disarmament 5 March 2014

Present:

MSPs: Bill Kidd, John Wilson, Dave Thomson, Patrick Harvie, Sandra White, Kevin Stewart and Jean Urquhart.

Others: John Ainslie (Scottish CND), Gari Don (UNA), Dr Rebecca Johnston (Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy), Alexander Natola (Bill Kidd's office).

Apologies:

MSPs: Rob Gibson and Neil Findlay.

Presentation by Dr Rebecca Johnston

Dr Johnston explained how the next two years were a crucial time to make a push toward nuclear disarmament, following the conferences in Norway and Mexico on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons. States which do not have nuclear weapons are playing a key role, because they would still be affected by the use of these weapons. There is a growing movement to de-legitimise nuclear arms and Scotland can play its role.

Future plans

Proposed that Dr Johnston speak at a meeting in the parliament, at 6 pm on Wednesday 25 June. This will be arranged by UNA and the CPG.

Minutes of previous AGM

Minutes of the AGM on 26 February 2013 were noted.

Election of Officers

It was proposed by Dave Thomson that Bill Kidd and Patrick Harvie continue as co-convenors and that John Ainslie (Scottish CND) continue as Secretary. This was seconded by Jean Urquhart and agreed.