

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Cross Party Group on Nuclear Disarmament

1 April 2015 Committee Room 1 Scottish Parliament

MSPs present: Bill Kidd, Christian Allard, Kevin Stewart, John Wilson and Patrick Harvie

MSP apologies: Neil Findlay

Others present: John Ainslie (Scottish CND), Brian Larkin (Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre) and Gari Don (UNA Edinburgh).

Other apologies: Malcolm Spaven (UNA Edinburgh)

Minutes of AGM on 5 March 2014

Apologies from Alex Gaines for the 2014 AGM were noted. The minutes were agreed.

Election of officers

It was proposed by Kevin Stewart, seconded by John Wilson and agreed that the office bearers be relected – Co-convenors Bill Kidd and Patrick Harvie, Secretary John Ainslie.

Annual report

Noted that meetings had taken place with MEDACT and with US campaigners and that some MSP members had stood down when appointed as Ministers.

NPT

Bill Kidd will attend the nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty renewal conference in New York. John Ainslie has written part of a report that will be published at the conference.

Patrick Harvie proposed that the Cross Party Group consider hosting a meeting in Scotland which would build on the international conferences on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons (HINW) in the context of the forthcoming Trident replacement decision which is due to be taken in 2016. It was agreed to investigate this further.

Bill Kidd will investigate the possibility of Scottish Resilience producing an example of the effects of a nuclear explosion in Scotland as this had been raised at the HINW conference in Vienna.

Scrap Trident

Brian Larkin reported on the Scrap Trident march and rally that would take place in Glasgow on 4 April and the Faslane blockade on 13 April.

Date of Next Meeting

1 pm Wednesday 20 May

If possible this should be a wider meeting with an invited speaker. It will include a report from the NPT conference.