

## **Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Pakistan**

Minutes of the meeting/AGM on 5 March 1 2015 5.30, Committee Room 5

Present:

MSP'S

Michael McMahon MSP (Convenor and Chair)  
Willie Rennie, MSP (Vice Convenor)  
Murdo Fraser, MSP (Vice Convenor)  
Siobhan McMahon, MSP

Apologies non MSP'S

Masood Malik  
Hassan Shah Bukhari  
Muhammed Imran  
Parveen Khalid  
Ahmet Sarhat Sari Turkish Airlines  
Dr Nabila Masood  
Abid Raja  
Naveed Ghafoor  
Khalid Mir  
Zeeshan Saeed  
Mohammed Iqbal  
Jenghir Choudhry  
Liz Cameron (Scottish Chamber of Commerce)  
Deputy Chief Constable Steve Allan of Police Service of Scotland  
Jane McCartney NHS 24  
Khalida Hussain  
Saeed Khan

None MSP'S attendees

Mehmood Hussain  
Amer Masood  
Dr Fatima Bajwa  
Nadeem Ashraf  
Zahira Hussain  
Mehboob Ditta  
Ehtansham Awam  
Ayesha Mir  
Leonard Thomson from sturrock armstrong Thompson solicitors  
Dr Amjad  
Zeeshan Saeed

## 1. Welcome

Michael McMahon (Convenor), Murdo Fraser MSP (Vice Convenor), Willie Rennie MSP (Vice Convenor) welcomed everyone to the meeting/AGM.

2. Minutes of the last CPG meeting which was held on 26 Feb 2015 were distributed and discussed.

3. There is clear adequate support from the Pakistani diaspora in Scotland and organisations Public and Private in Scotland for the Cross Party Group on Pakistan and great support also in Pakistan.

4. Election/Appointment of Officer Bearers. Michael McMahon, MSP confirmed that he was prepared to act as a Convenor. Michael McMahon was proposed by Amer Masood, seconded by Willie Rennie MSP and it was agreed by all in attendance. Willie Rennie, MSP confirmed that he is willing to act as a Vice Convenor. Michael McMahon, MSP proposed the name of Willie Rennie, seconded by Amer Masood. Murdo Fraser MSP confirmed that he is willing to act as a Vice Convenor. Michael McMahon, MSP proposed the name of Murdo Fraser, MSP, seconded by Willie Rennie MSP and agreed by all in attendance. Michael McMahon Proposed Amer Masood as to act as the Secretary /Advisor CPG, this was seconded by Willie Rennie and agreed by in attendance, Amer Masood confirmed that he is willing to become Secretary/Advisor to the CPG. All appointments were agreed.

5. Dr Fatima Bajwa proposed that she would like to bring awareness on health issues to the Pakistani Community such as Diabetes . As diabetes is up to six times more common in people of South Asian descent Among women, diabetes is more than five times as likely among Pakistani women. This was agreed that during one of the CPG meetings in 2015 a presentation would be made on this subject to the community to bring the awareness on diabetes issues.

6. Leonard Thomson from sturrock armstrong Thompson solicitors proposed to make a presentation to the next CPG meeting on immigration and sharia wills

7. AOB- The floor appreciated the work which the CPG has done and it was suggested a next meeting to be held in June with the subject of Immigration and sharia wills presentation as proposed by Leonard Thomson.

7. Michael McMahon MSP thanked attendees and the meeting closed