

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Tibet
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
5 th October 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
24 th October 2018
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
25 th October 2018
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
4 th October 2017
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
4th October 2017 (Attendance: 3 MSPs, 13 non-MSPs): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AGM and election of office bearers took place• Update was provided by secretary on the exhibition “Scotland’s Relationship with the Himalayas and the Tibetan Plateau” which is planned for 2019. Discussion around potential venues following the rejection of an application to

have exhibition in Scottish Parliament. Final decision was made to scale back size of exhibition and apply for exhibition space within Scottish Parliament.

- Update was provided by secretary on briefing papers published by the group. CPG had already published five briefing papers and a sixth was intended named *Mass Relocations and Resettlement on the Tibetan Plateau*. Secretary welcomed comments on current paper.
- A discussion took place on the group's goals for the coming year

14th March 2018 (Attendance: 2 MSPs, 10 non-MSPs):

- Discussion regarding emails from CPG not being received by members
- Recognition of 50th anniversary of Kagyu Samye Ling by group. CPG to write letter of congratulations to Samye Ling
- Secretary submitted briefing paper *Mass Relocations and Resettlement on the Tibetan Plateau* as evidence to House of Common's Foreign Affairs Committee's inquiry on China and the international rules-based system. Discussion took place on CPGs use of the paper
- Presentation and discussion on childbirth in Tibet
- Presentation on fire which had broken out on 17th February at the Jokhang Temple, Lhasa.

9th May 2018 (Attendance: 4 MSPs, 18 non-MSPs):

- Mr Chonpel Tsering, Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama visited CPG and said a few words. Mr Tsering suggested that an event be held in Edinburgh to mark the 60th anniversary of the 14th Dalai Lama's exile to India
- Discussions took place around the visit of Sikyong Lobsang Sangay to the Scottish Parliament and what could be done to support Tibetan relations with China
- The secretary updated the group that the briefing paper *Mass Relocations and Resettlement on the Tibetan Plateau* was accepted by the Foreign Affairs Committee's inquiry on China
- A Tibetan news digest for the period March- May 2018 was circulated and its contents discussed
- The group received an update from Tashi Thondup on the progress of his Tibetan language and essay competition
- Suggestion that Tibet societies be re-established in Universities in Edinburgh and Aberdeen
- Discussion took place regarding a future talk on Tibetan writing

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Linda Fabiani, SNP

Ross Greer, Green

Jeremy Balfour, Conservative

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Dr Martin Mills - Secretary

David Lloyd Hudson

William Caola

Bruce Clark

Roger Eames- Treasurer

Jackie Fordyce

Linda Hendry

Elizabeth Lindsey

Laura Mackie

Samantha May

Iain Thom

Kirsteen Currie

Dr Sam Pehrson

Sarah Schroeder

Oskar Bengtsson

Svenja Sender

Jenni Campbell

Organisations

University of Aberdeen

Scottish Centre for Himalayan Research

United Nations of a Free Tibet

Tibet Support Group

Grampian Tibet Support Group

Scotland Amnesty International

University of St Andrews

Edinburgh Interfaith Association

GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Linda Fabiani MSP
Deputy Convener	Ross Greer MSP
Secretary	Dr Martin Mills
Treasurer	Roger Eames

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

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No subscription fee charged

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