

**CPG on Pakistan Meeting Tuesday 19 March 2019 Time 18:00 -20:00**

**MSPs Present:**

Murdo Fraser (Co Convenor of the CPG)  
Finlay Carson

**Non MSP Attendees**

Mr Ruhman Ahmed –Consulate General of Pakistan, Glasgow  
Amer Masood  
Ch Aslam  
Mian Nadeem.  
Mian Irshad Ahmed.  
Naeem Qureshi  
Ch Fakhir Iqbal  
Rio Mahmoud .  
Iqbal Bajwa.  
Raja Kaliq Dad.  
Sheikh Tahir innam  
Haji Akbar  
Rana Munir.  
Raja Abid.  
Raja Nasrola.  
M Kabir  
Ch Tahir Farooq  
Ch Nasir Ahmed  
Ch Shafiq Ahmad  
Mian Imran  
Fareed Ahmad Ansari.  
Syed Khrshid Bukhari  
Saad Sikandar Ali  
Mian Imran Raman  
M Bashir Choudhary  
Rana M Fiaz Ali  
Ch Mazar  
Ch Javed iqbal.  
Ch Afza  
M Hussain  
Nadeem Ashraf  
Mehboob Ditta  
M Kadir  
M Atif  
G Rasul  
M Afzal

## Minutes

Murdo Fraser, MSP welcomed everyone and introduced himself and Finlay Carson MSP. Murdo Fraser highlighted that the occasion of this CPG event is to celebrate Pakistan Day which will be on 23 March 2019.

Murdo Fraser also introduced Mr Ruhman Ahmed –Consulate General of Pakistan, Glasgow as the Chief Guest for the evening.

Murdo Fraser before starting the CPG event offered condolences due to the tragic incident in Christchurch and loss of innocent lives. Murdo Fraser proposed to send a letter of condolence to New Zealand on behalf of the CPG on Pakistan. This was agreed by all present.

Murdo Fraser highlighted that in 2018 we celebrated Pakistan Day at the Scotland office in Edinburgh. This was first ever such event held to mark Pakistan Day at a UK Government building in Scotland. Murdo Fraser wanted to record note of thanks to Lord Springbank, Minister at the Scotland Office for hosting the event in 2018.

Murdo Fraser highlighted this year we are celebrating this at the Scottish Parliament and Murdo Fraser thanked members of the Pakistani community attending from Dundee, Perth, Edinburgh and Glasgow. Murdo Fraser told the audience that Pakistan Day is when the Lahore Resolution passed on 23 March 1940 and the adoption of the first constitution of Pakistan making Pakistan the world's first Islamic republic.

Murdo Fraser then handed over to the Chief Guest Mr Ruhman Ahmed –Consulate General of Pakistan, Glasgow.

Mr Ruhman Ahmed – read the message out marking the occasion of Pakistan Day and he was happy to be celebrating with the community and he thanked Murdo Fraser and Finlay Carson for making and ensuring that CPG on Pakistan is not only looking at community issues in Scotland but promoting opportunities between two countries.

Mr Ruhman Ahmed also offered his condolence at what happened at Christchurch last week and he appreciated Murdo Fraser's gesture of sending a note of condolence on behalf of the CPG.

Mr Ruhman Ahmed also gave a briefing to the CPG on Pakistan on the latest Political events in Pakistan and giving details about the situation with India which nearly brought the two countries to conflict.

Mr Ruhman Ahmed, Murdo Fraser and Finlay Carson took questions from the audience arranging from community issues to Brexit.

Murdo Fraser highlighted that Pakistan and Scotland can develop trade and other opportunities together. This was seconded by the Consulate General of Pakistan.

Audience asked Murdo Fraser, Finlay Carson and the Consulate of Pakistan on the role of social media showing the coverage of the tragic events in Christchurch.

The panel responded and addressed the audience's questions on this.

Murdo Fraser, Consulate General of Pakistan and Finlay Carson cut the cake which was presented by Pakistan Social Club to mark the Pakistan Day.

Local Pakistani Singers sang Pakistani National Songs.

Media from Geo, Ary News, Dunya News and Channel 44 local Pakistan news channels covered the event and interviewed Murdo Fraser, Finlay Carson and the Consulate General of Pakistan to mark the occasion of Pakistan Day.

AOB – Murdo Fraser mentioned that the next AGM will be notified in due course.

Murdo Fraser thanked everyone for attending and closed the CPG with special thanks to the Chief Guest the Consul General of Pakistan.