

Cross Party Group on Cuba Re-registration Meeting
21st September 2016 6pm
Q1.04

MINUTES

- 1. Elaine Smith MSP** thanked the MSP's for attending the meeting for re-registration and advised that a considerable number of members including two speakers were unable to attend at short notice. She acknowledged the couple of members who did arrive and advised that the situation was explained to them.

Attendees

Elaine Smith MSP, Sandra White MSP, Neil Findlay MSP
Lesley Dobbin

- 2. Apologies**

Murdo Fraser MSP, Colin Beattie MSP, John Finnie MSP, Kath Campbell SCSC, 17 other apologies, mostly last minute also included **Cuba Conservation Trust** who had intended in reporting on their project – this will be an agenda item for next meeting.

- 3. Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting (Feb 2016) were not necessary as the purpose of the meeting is to officially re-establish the group.

- 4. Election of Office Bearers**

Convener – Elaine Smith MSP was nominated by Sandra White and seconded by Neil Findlay MSP

Deputy Convener – Sandra White MSP was nominated by Neil Findlay MSP and seconded by Elaine Smith MSP

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Secretary – Kath Campbell was nominated by Elaine Smith MSP and seconded by Sandra White MSP

- 5. Update on Cuba Solidarity Campaign**

Apologies were noted and will be carried over to next meeting

- 6. Update from the Venezuela Solidarity Campaign on matters of interest in the Region**

Point carried over until next meeting

- 7. Video Footage of recent Miami Five Tour**

To be shown at next meeting

- 8. Discussion on future speakers / topics**

An email would be sent to all members asking for suggestions

- 9. Date of next meeting**

This will be advised in due course