

**Cross Party Group on Cuba
AGM
27th September 2017
TG23**

MINUTES

1. ATTENDEES

Sandra White MSP
Neil Findlay MSP
Elaine Smith MSP
Lesley Dobbin

2. APOLOGIES

Murdo Fraser MSP, Kath Campbell, Liz Elkind, John Finnie MSP,

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting (28th June 2017) moved as a correct record by Neil Findlay MSP and seconded by Elaine Smith MSP

4. Election of Office Bearers

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

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Secretary – Kath Campbell was nominated by Elaine Smith MSP and seconded by Neil Findlay MSP

5. A.O.C.B.

- It was noted that Aleida Guevara was speaking in Glasgow on Saturday, 11 November 2017 as part of the Che Guevara Anniversary Tour. It was disappointing that she was unable to address the CPG due to time constraints.

- Sandra White MSP advised she lodged the following motion;

That the Parliament welcomes the Third Havana/Glasgow Film Festival, which will run from 9 to 12 November 2017, with the launch taking place on 28 September in Oran Mor, Byres Road, Glasgow; commends the continued cultural exchange between these two world cities; notes that, in conjunction with the Scottish Cuba Solidarity campaign, this year's festival will include a talk by Aleida Guevara, the eldest daughter of Che Guevara; wishes the festival, its director, Eirene Houston, and partners all the very best for its continued success, and invites people in Scotland to attend and enjoy the atmosphere of friendship and exchange that the festival produces.

- Best wishes were proffered to Rev Graeme McGeoch (in his absence) as he heads off for a new life in Brazil and the CPG thanks him for his contributions to the group.

6. Date of next meeting

Details of the next meeting will be issued in due course.