

# The Scottish Parliament

## Cross Party Group on Fair Trade

Convenor: Colin Smyth MSP

Vice Convenor: Gordon Lindhurst MSP

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 16 May, 1pm  
Committee Room, Scottish Parliament,

### Agenda for the meeting

1. In attendance: Colin Smyth MSP, Gordon Lindhurst MSP, Rona Mackay MSP, Martin Rhodes (SFTF), Jane Forster (Balerno Fair Trade Group), Shirley Brown, Anne Walsh (Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Fair Trade Group); Kirsty Connell (Scotmid), Charles Sim (East Ayrshire Fair Trade Group), David Potts (Melrose Fair Trade Group), Rona MacGregor (Dumfries and Galloway Council), Ian Miller (Scotmid), Patrick Langseth (Edinburgh Fair Trade Group), Ewan Reid (Matthew Algie). Apologies: Carol Morton (Hadeel), Rachel Farey (One World Shop), Nail Bibby MSP, Martin Meteyard, Karena Jarvie (Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Group) and Russell Salton (Edinburgh Fair Trade Group).
2. Minutes from the meetings held on 1 November 2017 and 7 March 2018 were approved as accurate.
3. Correspondence: Rona Mackay circulated correspondence received from the Scottish Government in response to a letter written by her on behalf of the CPG regarding Scottish Government affiliating to Electronics Watch. It was agreed that she would table a follow up parliamentary question on the matter asking how monitoring of the supply chain was carried out by the Scottish Government. It was also agreed that Colin Smyth MSP as Convenor of the CPG would write on the matter to the Scottish Government.
4. Guest speaker: Ewan Reid, Matthew Algie Ltd: "Fairtrade: enabling sustainable, quality coffee from small-holder value chains". The presentation and discussion covered the Fairtrade coffee market and the challenges and opportunities of the Fairtrade coffee system.
5. No other business was raised.
6. It was noted that the next meeting would include the AGM. It was agreed that office bearers would agree a suitable date for the meeting in September and notify members.