

Cross Party Group on Fair Trade

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 3 March 2021

Online

In attendance: Colin Smyth MSP, Sarah Boyack MSP, Graeme Clark (SQA), Pam Maxwell, Jan MacGregor, Pam Bochel (BAFTFS), David Taylor (Fairtrade Foundation), Margaret Lawrence, Russell Salton (Edinburgh Fair Trade Group), Joyce Juma-Phiri (Fair Trade Scotland), Line Kikkenborg, Manal White (Zytoun), Rosie Rutherford (Dumfries Fair Trade Group), Alison Wright, Karena Jarvie (Peth and Kinross Fair Trade Group), Charles Sim (SFTF), Philip Huckin (Fair Trade Scotland), Jo Scott (Ullapool Fair Trade), Lesley Henderson, Sandra Burt (Falkirk Fair Trade Group), Anne Walsh (West Lothian Fair Trade Group), Kirsty Connell (Scotmid), Morag Rennie (Motherwell Fair Trade Group), Ailsa Henderson, Jane Forster (Balerno Fair Trade Group), Barbara McKenzie, Pat McEwan, Jane Lockyer, Ellie Turner, Shirley Brown, John Lamond, David Cousland, Eve Broadis (Fair Trade Scotland), Phil Broadis (Fair Trade Scotland), Jeanette McIvor, Senga Gall (Equal Exchange), Barbara Holligan, Ann Robertson, Martin Rhodes (SFTF), Ross Isdale (SFTF), Colleen Tait (SFTF), Catherine Newman (SFTF)

Apologies: Lynne Rankin (South Ayrshire Fair Trade Group), Gill Smee (Orkney Fair Trade Group), Martin Meteyard

1. The minutes of the meeting of 19 January 2021 were agreed as an accurate record.
2. **Guest speakers:** Aubrey Meki Chilenje and Nduzani Zaya, Kasinthula Cane Growers' Association, Malawi

Fidele Gisore - Associate Consultant at Challenges Group, Rwanda

Fatima Ismael, SOPPEXCCA Coffee Cooperative, Nicaragua (Mohammed Ruzzi, Palestine Fair Trade Association)

The speakers in turn each outlined the challenges they have faced due to climate change and how Fair Trade has helped to address the challenges. They also outlined what they saw as the key future challenges due to climate change. David Taylor of the Fairtrade Foundation was asked to outline the key events and messages from this year's Fairtrade Fortnight. There followed a discussion about subjects which included sugar supply and the key messages on climate change and Fair Trade for consumers in Scotland.

3. **Any other business:** The Convenor noted that this would be the last meeting of the CPG before the end of the parliamentary session. He thanked the Secretary and the Scottish Fair Trade Forum for their support and he thanked all the speakers and attendees who had participated in the meetings during the parliamentary session.
4. Close of business at 7.25pm