

Minute

Meeting of the Cross – Party Group on Pakistan in the Scottish Parliament

Wednesday 16th May 2017

Committee Room 6

17:30

Present

Mr Murdo Fraser MSP

Mr Anas Sarwar MSP

Apologies

Mr Richard Lyle MSP

Mr Findlay Carson MSP

In attendance

Mr Richard Sullivan

Mr Eunis Jassemi - Zargani

1. Welcome

Mr Sarwar welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

There were submitted from James Dornan MSP

3. Introductions

The group made formal introductions.

4. Matters arising

Mr Dornan meet with the Turkish Airlines and they would be delighted to attend a future meeting of the CPG to discuss their operations and direct flights. It was agreed to offer an invitation and also explore options to involve Glasgow City Marketing Bureau to assist in any future direct flight programme.

Mr Sullivan advised that Mr Rennie MSP agreed to his continued membership of the CPG.

5. Rebuilding the membership of the CPG

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to write a letter to civic organisations and also invite the four main political parties in Pakistan who all have bureaus here in the UK. Further suggestions included inviting members of the Annandale Street Mosque and also the Blackhall Mosque on Queensferry Road. Finally, it was agreed to contact the Pakistani Christian Society.

6. Air links with Pakistan

This was covered in agenda item 4.

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7. Future Issues for discussion

Mr Sarwar agreed to contact the Pakistani Consul General to ask him if he would kindly host the next CPG meeting in an effort to attract greater participation from civic Scotland.

8. AOCB

The AGM was discussed. The next meeting shall be the AGM and an ordinary meeting shall be held on its conclusion.

9. Close and Date of the next meeting

No date was agreed. This will be predicated on Eid and the availability of the Consul General. A Convener shall be decided on once the date is arranged.

The meeting closed at 18:23 with a vote of thanks to the Chair.