

The Scottish Parliament
Cross Party Group on Palestine
27 September 2017
Minutes

MSPs Present: Sandra White, Ross Greer, Ivan McKee and John Finnie

MSP Staff: Amanda Gordon (SW), Heather Marshall (SW)

16 CPG Members Present: A Gordon, S Moffat, A Alden, M Orr, C Wrigglesworth, A Dean, J Benvie, W Malik, A Sardesai, C Cooper, P Chetwynd, M Spooner, R Spooner, I George, J McDougall, K Bett

1. Membership Review

- Discussion regarding new membership requests and current membership, standing orders and standards for CPGs - this will remain on the agenda for future meetings as standard

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- PC requested guidance on treasury report
- KB requested child prisoners be added to previous meeting
- Discussion of Balfour Declaration Centenary

3. Working Group Feedback

- Education: RG good response to join working group, next meeting taking place in early October that will determine future and clarify what the resonance is, RG to further update next meeting
- Hate Crime: JF led discussion on legislation concerned with hate crime, AD circulate information to group

4. Balfour Declaration

- Allan G proposed setting up event outside parliament to express regret for the consequences of the Declaration to take place at 11am on 2 November to feature singers, MSP speeches, Palestinian speakers, Jewish speakers, needs to determine who to contact and necessary permission needed for event RG thinks no requirement for permission
- Discussion and introduction of motion to be lodged by SW, agreed on by group

5. AOCB

- Discussion of child prisoners to become a topic for a future meeting ,
SW acknowledged Scottish Government funding for Jim Malone FBU
6. Next meeting of the CPG will take place on Wednesday 31 January 2018 at
5.30pm until 7.30pm in the Scottish Parliament.