

The Scottish Parliament
Cross Party Group on Palestine
31 January 2018
Minutes

MSPs Present: Sandra White, Claudia Beamish, Ross Greer, John Finnie, Ivan McKee and Pauline McNeill

13 CPG Members Present: A Alden, M Orr, A Dean, C Cooper, P Chetwynd, A Gordon, J Badenhorst, K Bett, J D Petersson, L Petersson, M Jack, A Shanley

1. Apologies – A Gordon
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approved
3. Membership

Discussion regarding new membership requests and current membership. All new requests should be emailed to Secretary of group and will be considered at the following meeting. All new membership requests approved. This will remain on the agenda for future meetings as standard.

4. Balfour Declaration – SW thanked MS and RS for support and resources for event and invoice approved for payment and passed to PC to issue cheque.

Noted new musicians unable to attend Balfour event due to Home Office restrictions – CC to make contact with musicians and MSPs to take forward as instructed.

Members also raised marking the Nakba - SW to take forward as well as other MSPs re motions. Issue of funding also raised and cuts to UNWRA.

5. Working Group Feedback

Hate Crime: JF led discussion on legislation concerned with hate crime, has also submitted to Brackendale Review on behalf of CPG as well as other communications with Police Scotland, Scottish Government and Edinburgh Council.

Education: RG noted a follow-up meeting of working group on educational resources will take place soon and he will report back to CPG

6. Future Meetings

Speakers on medical situation, refugees in Lebanon and A Shanley relation either in person or Skype to present to the group.

7. AOCB

SW to follow up on MAP reception
Proposal for postcards on child prisoners
Alliance – KB to provide info for members

CPG would like to congratulate Jim Malone and the FBU on their recent efforts in training Palestinian firefighters here in Scotland.

8. Next meeting

Wednesday 21 March at 5.30pm in TG20-21