

MINUTES
INITIAL MEETING
24TH April 2019
3.30pm, M2.12

Attendees: Dean Lockhart MSP, Rachael Hamilton MSP, Lesley-Anne Campbell

Apologies: Kezia Dugdale MSP, Anas Sarwar MSP, Alexander Burnett MSP

Welcome

Dean Lockhart MSP welcomed everyone to the meeting and formally introduced attendees present at the meeting. He then gave some background about the reasoning why he was interested in establishing the proposed CPG on USA and the links which could be built, particularly in regard to culture and tourism.

Confirmation of the name and purpose of the CPG USA

Dean Lockhart MSP suggested the wording for the purpose and aims of the group to be noted on the registration form and the group agreed. The group further agreed to draw up the necessary documentation required and submit to the Parliamentary authorities as appropriate.

Election of office bearers

Convener: Dean Lockhart MSP nominated and agreed

Vice Convener: Anas Sarwar MSP and Alexander Burnett MSP, nominated in absentia and agreed.

Secretariat: Lesley-Anne Campbell nominated and agreed.

The group has no requirement for a Treasurer and it was decided that as there were no financial dealings involved in the running of the group a Treasurer would not be necessary on this occasion.

Plans going forward

The group agreed on a number of topics to look at going forward, which were culture and tourism, educational exchanges and increasing economic exchanges.

It was suggested that the Group reaches out to a variety of possible guest speakers, including inviting the Consul General of USA to engage with the Group and possibly attend a future meeting and to look into forthcoming events which would assist the CPG going forward.

AOB

No other business was noted.

The meeting was closed.