

Cross Party Group on Tibet AGM – Minutes
25th March 2015 – Holyrood

Attendees: Linda Fabiani, Kevin Stewart, Max Rollins and 14 members of the public.

Apologies: Alison Johnstone, Anne McTaggart.

Agenda

- Presentation from Dr. Martin Mill and Dr. Samantha May
- Election of Office Bearers
- Minutes of last meeting
- Minutes of last AGM and annual return
- Matters arising – *Confucius Classrooms*
- AoB

Presentation from Dr. Martin Mills and Dr. Samantha May

An extremely interesting and informative presentation was given Dr. Mills and Dr. May detailing the current state of mining activities in Tibet, as well as the environmental, political and social implications of such activities.

Election of Office Bearers

Chair: Linda Fabiani was nominated by Linda Hendry, seconded by Iain Thom, and unopposed. Linda Fabiani duly elected as Chair.

Vice-Chair: Anne McTaggart was nominated by Kevin Stewart, seconded by Iain Thom, and unopposed. Anne McTaggart duly elected as Vice-Chair.

Secretary: James Salmon was nominated by Maxwell Rollins, seconded by Linda Fabiani, and unopposed. James Salmon duly elected as Secretary.

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously after an omission was corrected.

Minutes of last AGM and annual return

The minutes of the last AGM and the annual return for the group were approved unanimously.

Matters arising

Confucius Institute – The University of Strathclyde and Herriot Watt University Edinburgh responded positively to the CPG's request for assurance that academic freedom would not

be compromised as a result of their relationships with Confucius Institutes. No other replies have been received at this point.

Any other business

HHDL portrait request – The request submitted to the Parliament's Corporate Body for permission to display a portrait of the Dalai Lama to commemorate his 80th birthday was denied as it would be against Parliament policy.

Parliament exhibition – There will be a meeting on the 27th of May in the Parliament to discuss plans for the use of the exhibition space the group hopes to be assigned in April.

Date of Next Meeting

10 June 2015 (public event on Tibet and Environment).

Subsequent meeting: 7th October 2015 (6-8pm).