

Cross-Party Group on Fair Trade

Thursday 22 June 2022 at 1.30pm, online

Minute of Annual General Meeting

Present

MSPs

Colin Smyth MSP

Claire Baker MSP

Invited guests

Tanya Jones, Office of Maggie Chapman MSP

Non-MSP Group Members

Martin Rhodes, Scottish Fair Trade Forum

Martin Meteyard

Pam Maxwell, North Ayrshire Fair Trade Group

George Davidson, City of Edinburgh Fair Trade Steering Group

Jeanette McIvor, Queensferry Fair Trade Group

Nduzani Zaya, Scottish Fair Trade Forum

Craig Sullivan

Ian Fowell, Linlithgow Fair Trade Group

Apologies

Sarah Boyack MSP

Foysol Choudhury MSP

Liz Manson, Scottish Fair Trade Forum

Karena Jarvie, Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Group

Charles Sim, Scottish Fair Trade Forum

Anne Walsh, West Lothian Fair Trade Group

Agenda item 1

Minutes of the AGM held on 22 June 2023 were approved.

Agenda item 2

Convenor's Report: The Convenor reported on activities over the last year. In June 2022, the CPG held a joint meeting on Community Wealthbuilding with the CPGs on Social Enterprise, Co-operatives, the Wellbeing Economy, and Credit Unions

At the CPG meeting in December 2022, the Scottish Fair Trade Forum launched their newly published report "Fair Trade Expenditure and Policy Commitments in the Public Sector in Scotland". The report set out the expenditure on Fair Trade of public bodies in Scotland over the last three years along with their policy commitments.

It was noted that in early 2023, CPG members were saddened to hear the news of the death of longstanding Fair Trade supporter and CPG member, Andy Mount.

During Fairtrade Fortnight, the CPG heard from Dosa Asous, an olive farmer in Palestine along with Bridget Cowan of Zaytoun.

In May 2023, there had been a parliamentary reception to mark the 10 years of Scotland being a Fair Trade Nation.

Agenda item 3

Election of Office Bearers: Colin Smyth MSP was nominated as Convenor by Claire Baker MSP and the meeting agreed unanimously. Sue Webber MSP was nominated as Vice Convenor by Colin Smyth MSP and seconded by Claire Baker MSP. The meeting agreed unanimously to her election. Martin Rhodes of the Scottish Fair Trade Forum was nominated as Secretary by Colin Smyth MSP and seconded by Claire Baker MSP. The meeting agreed unanimously to his election.

Agenda item 4

It was agreed to hold three meetings in the year ahead and one event.

Agenda item 5

It was agreed to continue to charge no subscription fee.

Agenda item 6

The Secretary indicated that dates and times for meetings over the next year would be circulated after the parliamentary recess.