



EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1st Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)

Thursday 16 June 2016

Present:

Jackson Carlaw
Ross Greer
Richard Lochhead
Joan McAlpine

Bruce Crawford
Rachael Hamilton
Lewis Macdonald

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** The oldest member present, Bruce Crawford, invited members to declare any relevant interests. The following relevant interests were declared—

Rachael Hamilton declared an interest as the owner of a hotel in the Scottish Borders;

Richard Lochhead had no relevant interests to declare;

Lewis Macdonald had no relevant interests to declare;

Bruce Crawford had no relevant interests to declare;

Joan McAlpine declared an interest as the author of a weekly column in the Daily Record newspaper and a member of George Wyllie Foundation;

Ross Greer declared an interest as a member of the Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign;

Jackson Carlaw had no relevant interests to declare.

2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee choose Joan McAlpine as Convener.

3. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee choose Lewis Macdonald as Deputy Convener.
4. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to developing its work programme. The Committee agreed to invite the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs to give evidence at its next meeting, to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses and to hold a business planning day in late summer.

The meeting closed at 10.33 am.

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