

Cross-Party Group on Japan

Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 1pm

Minute

Present

MSPs

Dean Lockhart MSP

Colin Smyth MSP

Invited guests

Non-MSP Group Members

Lesley-Anne Campbell

Julia McIntyre

Apologies

No apologies

Agenda item 1

Opening remarks

Dean Lockhart MSP welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending the initial meeting to re-register the CPG Japan in this current session of Parliament.

Agenda item 2

Confirmation of the name and purpose of the CPG Japan

Dean Lockhart MSP confirmed that according with the Guidance for Cross Party Group re-registration, the wording for the purpose of the group would remain the same as the previous session. The group further agreed to draw up

the necessary documentation required and submit to the Parliamentary authorities as appropriate.

Agenda item 3

Election of office bearers.

Colin Smyth MSP nominated Dean Lockhart MSP for the role of Convener which was agreed by the group.

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Dean Lockhart MSP nominated Lesley-Anne Campbell to act as Secretariat for the CPG which was agreed by the group.

The group discussed whether there was a requirement for a Treasurer and it was unanimously decided that as there were no financial transactions involved in the running of the group a Treasurer would not be necessary.

Agenda item 4

Plans going forward

The group noted the success of previous CPG Japan meetings during last session and agreed on a number of topics to look at going forward, which were educational exchanges, inspiring young people in Scotland to engage with Japan, cultural exchanges, and exploring joint initiatives in Life Sciences and Technology, increasing economic exchanges.

It was suggested that we engage with a variety of possible guest speakers, including inviting the new Consul General of Japan to attend a future meeting once they had taken up their post and to look into upcoming events which may be useful for the CPG to link into going forward.

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No other business was noted.

The meeting was closed.