

# The Scottish Parliament

## Cross Party Group on Fair Trade

Convenor: Colin Smyth MSP

Vice Convenor: Gordon Lindhurst MSP

Thursday 17 May 2017, 6pm  
Committee Room 1, Scottish Parliament

In attendance: Gordon Lindhurst MSP, Colin Smyth MSP, Rhona Macgregor (Dumfries and Galloway Council), Andy Mount (Linlithgow Fair Trade Group), Martin Rhodes (SFTF), Karena Jarvie (Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Group), Douglas MacGregor (Silver Stag Scotland), Shirley Brown (Edinburgh Fair Trade Group) Gillian Gillen (Stonelaw High School), Alexander Fulton (S5, Stonelaw High School), Calum Loftus (S5, Stonelaw High School), Hannah May (S2, Stonelaw High School), Rebecca May (S5, Stonelaw High School), Calum Shearer (S1, Stonelaw High School), Katie Whiteside (S3, Stonelaw High School), Gwenneth Williamson (Queensferry Fair Trade Group), Ian Miller (Scotmid), Sally Romilly (One World Centre, Dundee) and Angela Oakley (SFTF Schools volunteer).

Apologies were noted from Jackie Baillie MSP, Claudia Beamish MSP, Neil Bibby MSP, Finlay Carson MSP, Helen Reilly (BMA Scotland), Anne Walsh (West Lothian Fair Trade Group) and Frances Gallagher (Silver Stag Scotland).

1. Colin Smyth MSP welcomed members and guests to the meeting
2. The minutes of the meeting of the 17 January 2017 were approved as an accurate record. The notes of the 2 March 2017 meeting which was inquorate were noted for information only.
3. Correspondence: correspondence from the Scottish Government and the Scottish Parliament Corporate Body was noted and discussed. It was agreed to ask the Secretary to write again to both bodies asking for clarification of why they are not seeking to sign up to the Electronics Watch scheme.
4. Guest speakers on Fair Trade, schools and the curriculum: Martin Rhodes (SFTF) set out briefly the development of Fair Trade activity in schools. Sally Romilly of the One World Centre in Dundee gave a presentation on the links between Fair Trade and the Curriculum in schools including through global citizenship, Learning for Sustainability, Curriculum for Excellence. The Stonelaw High Fairtraders then gave a presentation on their history and development as well as their activities undertaken by the Stonelaw High Fairtraders in their school and in the wider community. There then followed questions and discussion on the issues raised in the presentation.
5. AOB: Angela Oakley raised the matter of a consultation being undertaken on food in schools. It was agreed that the CPG would write to the consultation asking that Fair Trade procurement be considered for appropriate items. As the next meeting of the CPG is not due to take place until after the Summer recess, it was agreed that the Secretary would draft a letter on behalf of the CPG in consultation with the Convenor and Vice Convenor

6. Date of next meeting: it was agreed that there next meeting (the last of this calendar year) would be arranged for after the summer recess. The date would be agreed by office bearers.