

Cross Party Group on Nordic Countries

Minutes of meeting on Wednesday 8 January 2020 at 1pm

CR6

1. Welcome

Attending: Angus MacDonald MSP Convener
Mark Ruskell MSP Deputy Convener
Maurice Golden MSP Deputy Convener
Beatrice Wishart MSP
Stuart Stevenson MSP
Donald McPhillimy Reforesting Scotland
Mona Røhne Norwegian Consulate General
Kristin Hannesdottir Icelandic Consul
Adam Mackie Office of John Mason MSP
Christopher Bisset-Nilsen Ventum Dynamics
Wolfgang Krohn Ventum Dynamics
Linda MacDonald
Diane Macintyre Office of Angus MacDonald MSP

2. Apologies

James Trolland, James McLean, John Taylor, Alan Macniven

3. Update on Nordic Council

Update provided by Mark Ruskell MSP on how the Nordic Council functions, attendance by the Quebec National Assembly, and how the role of the Scottish Government and the CPG on Nordic Countries can tie in with future Nordic Council meetings and events.

It was agreed that the Convener would write to the Presiding Officer on behalf of the CPG to ask for an update on the work of the Scottish Parliament regarding engagement with the Nordic Council. Once this information has been received, consideration to be given to writing to the Nordic Council direct for further updates.

4. Presentation by Ventum Dynamics

Delivered by Christopher Bisset-Nilsen and Wolfgang Krohn on renewable energy wind generation for sustainability in energy production .

5. Presentation – A Thousand Huts

Delivered by Donald McPhillimy, Reforesting Scotland. The popularity and benefits of hutting was explained as well as the hurdles faced by those applying for planning permission.

6. AOB

None

7. Date of next meeting

This will be the AGM and will take place on Thursday 20 February 2020 at 1pm in CR2