

**Cross-Party Group on Nordic Countries**

**AGM**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 2:00pm**

**Room TG20/21**

**Holyrood, Edinburgh EH99 1SP**

**MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Election / Confirmation of Office Bearers (Convener, Vice-Conveners)**
- 3. Year in Reflection**
  - a. December 2017 – Inaugural Meeting**
  - b. March 2017 – Renewable Energy**
  - c. October 2017 – Deposit Return Systems**
  - d. Parliamentary and Private Sector Visits**
- 4. 2018 Meetings**
- 5. AOB**

**ATTENDEES:**

**MSP Members:**

Maurice Golden MSP

Angus MacDonald MSP

Finlay Carson MSP

**Other Attendees:**

Donna Heddle Professor

Honorary Consul, Kristin Hannersdottir

## MEETING MINUTES

### 1. Welcome

Maurice Golden MSP welcomed attendees and thanked Kristin Hannersdottir, Honorary Consul for Iceland and Professor Donna Heddle for attending.

### 2. Election / Confirmation of Office Bearers (Convener, Vice-Conveners)

The group moved to re-elect the Convener and Vice-Conveners of the CPG. The results were as follows:

**Convener:** Maurice Golden MSP proposed by Angus MacDonald MSP and seconded by Finlay Carson MSP.

**Deputy Convener(s):** Angus Macdonald MSP & Mark Ruskell MSP proposed by Maurice Golden MSP and seconded by Finlay Carson MSP.

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Maurice Golden MSP asked group for events suggestions for upcoming year. Suggestions included:

- Increased Arctic Forum involvement
- Tidal energy (Icelandic group collaboration)
- Energy Interconnectors
- Annual culture / arts lecture – first to be hosted by Professor Donna Heddle.
- Scottish Hutting culture. Strong culture of hutting in Scandanavia in relation to Scotland's soon to be relaxed rules and regulations.

### 5. AOB

N/A