

**The Scottish Parliament  
Cross Party Group on Palestine**

**13 June 2018**

**Minutes**

MSPs Present: Sandra White, Claudia Beamish, Ross Greer and Ivan McKee

MSP apologies: John Finnie, James Dornan and Pauline McNeill

MSP staff: Amanda Gordon (SW)

17 CPG members present: A Sardesai, C Cooper, J Petersson, T Grahame, K Aspinwall, A Shanley, M Shanley, K Bett, A Hennessy, M Orr, D Rutovitz, J O'Boyle and P Bryden

1. Minutes of previous meeting – approved
2. AGM
  - Election of Co-Conveners – Sandra White MSP, Claudia Beamish MSP and Ross Greer MSP nominated and elected as Co-Conveners
  - Election of Secretary – Amanda Gordon nominated and elected as Secretary
  - Election of Treasurer – Phil Chetwynd nominated and elected as Treasurer
3. Nakba – Members discussed the event giving feedback on both the afternoon exhibition and the evening reception and thanking those involved in arranging events and in particular the young Palestinian musicians who kindly agreed to attend and perform
4. Working Group feedback
  - JF provided a report on the Hate Crime Working Group which was distributed to members and briefly discussed – AG to circulate
  - RG gave a report on the Education Working Group and members discussed
5. S Haddad Presentation
  - Ms Haddad kindly gave a skype presentation on the plight of the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon
6. Membership – all applications approved
7. Future Meetings
  - K Bett suggested another event to link with YOYP child prisoners – AG to book room

8. AOCB

- M Orr requesting supportive letter from CPG for a Palestinian student to attend and study at University of St Andrews – AG to take forward
- C Cooper alerted members to performance by the two Palestinian musicians who also performed at the Nakba taking place in Edinburgh.

9. The next meeting of the CPG will take place on Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 5.30pm in TG20/21.