

**The Scottish Parliament
Cross Party Group on Palestine
19 February 2019**

Minutes

MSPs present: Sandra White, Claudia Beamish, Ross Greer and John Finnie
MSP apologies: James Dornan and Pauline McNeill

MSP staff: Amanda Gordon (SW)

19 CPG members present: C Cooper, R Spooner, M Spooner, A Shanley, K Bett, P Chetwynd, S McLeod, F Doherty, J Wray, G Bryce, V McGraw, J Badenhorst, E El-Bahnassawy, A Alden, K Robertson, J Pullman, F Alta, B Oudeh, M El-Hams

1. Apologies – N El Nakla
2. Minutes of previous meeting – approved
3. Membership requests – 1 declined and 1 approved
4. SW introduced S McLeod Chair of the Lord Provost's Glasgow Twinning Programmes with Bethlehem. S McLeod gave a presentation on the establishment of the project and in particular the Applied Child Psychology Diploma which was developed with their partners in Bethlehem, The Guidance Training Centre as well as other projects. F Doherty and his colleagues from Glasgow also spoke about the project and their input.

C Hakam Clinical Director in Bethlehem and a delegation will present to the group at the meeting in June.

5. Working Group feedback
 1. RG and V McG gave a report on the Education Working Group and members discussed the current situation
 2. JF gave an update on the Lord Bracadale Review
6. Future Meetings
 - 6.1. Advise N El Nakla responds to request to exhibit seeking further information and advise remit of CPG
 - 6.2. JP gave brief on film re Child Prisoner's event
 - 6.3. J D R request to present was approved for September meeting
 - 6.4. GTP with Bethlehem delegation for June meeting
7. AOCB – no matters discussed
8. The next CPG will take place on Wednesday 19 June at 5.30pm which will include the AGM