

The Scottish Parliament
Cross Party Group on Palestine

4 March 2020

Minutes

MSPs present: Sandra White, Claudia Beamish and Ross Greer

MSP apologies: John Finnie, Pauline McNeill

MSP staff: Amanda Gordon (SW)

16 CPG members present: A Shanley, E El Bahnassawy P Lucas, P Chetwynd, A Gordon, P Bryden, K Aspinwall, A Alden, C Cooper, M Mineter, S Horne, J Petersson, D Beamish

Minutes of previous meeting approved

1. Membership requests - no requests but one complaint regarding an application that had been declined.
2. Working Group feedback – V McGraw provided information to the members regarding the resource and where it is placed. Concerns raised that there are accessibility issues - essentially that the resource is not being promoted as a tool for teachers. SW also raised an issue which was highlighted by T Burnham regarding a resource being offered to children across Lothian area. K Aspinwall raised issue regarding balance in teaching Palestine/Israel and will provide links to AG for circulation to members.
3. AOCB: J Malone requested support from CPG re funding for the Palestinian Firefighters delegation, SW, CB and RG agreed to write to SG. SW raised the Dundee Nablus 40th anniversary twinning event which members had already received notification.
4. Members were informed the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3 June at 5.30pm