

Cross Party Group on Tibet – Minutes

20th January 2016 – Holyrood

Attendees: Anne McTaggart, Roderick Campbell, James Salmon, Linda Hendry, Martin Mills, Roger Eames, Jenni Campbell and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Alison McInnes, Alison Johnstone, Linda Fabiani, Iain Thom.

Agenda

- An official SCIO is to be set up known as the Tibetan Community in Scotland.
- The issues over the 10th March Uprising march in Edinburgh.
- Having a reception or meeting for all the Scottish charities that work in Tibet or with Tibetans.
- The report (from Free Tibet) of the re-relaxation of Tibetan language hotel restrictions.
- Any other business

The Tibetan Community in Scotland SCIO

It was noted that a new SCIO is to be established called "The Tibetan Community in Scotland". The group looks forward making contact with the new organisation once fully formed.

10th March Anniversary

Contact will be made with the local Tibetan community to aid the organisation of the annual rally on March the 10th, and to ensure that public relations are managed as well as possible during the event itself.

Charity Reception

The group will aim to host a reception for all Tibet-related charities once the group has reformed in the new parliament, with the intention of increasing inter-organisational support and networking, as well as to allow the CPG to keep up to date on their activities.

Free Tibet Report

The group was pleased to note the refreshingly positive news of the apology received by Tibetans in Rebkong, Qinghai province, from Hotel Shangyul, a hotel where the speaking of Tibetan has previously been banned for all staff members.

Any Other Business

Meeting Invitations – For future meetings, efforts should be made to encourage more presentations from external organisations to present to the group in order to make more connections and encourage a wider audience.

Confucius Institute – The overall positive experience from members of the group when dealing with the Confucius Institute in Scotland was noted.

Date of Next Meeting

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