

# Cross-Party Group on France

Monday 25th November 2024, 16:00

Minute

Present

MSPs

Daniel Johnson MSP  
Karen Adam MSP  
Ben Macpherson MSP  
Jamie Green MSP

Invited guests

Archippus Sturrock

Non-MSP Group Members

N/A

Apologies

Stéphane Pailler  
Paul Sweeney MSP

## 1. Confirmation of Group Name and Purpose

Members confirmed the Group Name as “Cross-Party Group on France”.

Members agreed on the following Group Purpose:

- a. To foster good relations between the Scottish Parliament and the Assemblée nationale and Sénat in Paris.
- b. To celebrate the Auld Alliance between Scotland and France.
- c. To provide a forum for discussion and information-sharing about Scotland and its relations with France.
- d. To provide MSPs with a source of information and expertise on issues relating to France and French affairs.
- e. To bring together MSPs and those with an interest in FrancoScottish relations to promote co-operation between Scotland and France.
- f. To provide a forum for French citizens in Scotland and Scottish citizens in France to inform MSPs about issues of concern to them.

## 2. Election of Office Bearers

Daniel Johnson MSP was elected as Convener of the Cross-Party Group on France.

Ben Macpherson MSP, Karen Adam MSP and Stéphane Pailler were elected as Deputy Conveners of the Cross-Party Group on France.

Archippus Sturrock was elected as Secretary of the Cross-Party Group on France.

## 3. Confirmation of Membership

The following MSPs were confirmed as Members of the Group:

- Daniel Johnson MSP (Convener)
- Karen Adam MSP (Deputy Convener)
- Ben Macpherson MSP (Deputy Convener)
- Jamie Greene MSP (Member)
- Paul Sweeney MSP (Member)

The following non-MSPs were confirmed as Members of the Group:

- Stéphane Pailler, Consul General of France (Honorary Deputy Convener)
- Archippus Sturrock (Secretary)

## 4. Next Steps

Ben Macpherson MSP (Deputy Convener) highlighted the need to ensure the sustainability of the Cross-Party Group into the next session of the Scottish Parliament and suggested the Cross-Party Group, if approved by the SPPA, should work closely with other Cross-Party Groups including those for Germany and the EU.

Daniel Johnson MSP (Convener) suggested that the Cross-Party Group should have a thematic approach to the content of its meetings and asked the Archippus Sturrock (Secretary) work with Consul General Stéphane Pailler (Honorary Deputy Convener) to develop 3-5 meetings around various themes, including understanding and furthering economic links between Scotland and France.