

Cross-Party Group on Tibet

Monday 25 November 2024, 6:00pm

Minute

Present

MSPs

Ross Greer MSP, Collette Stevenson MSP

Non-MSP Group Members

Eleanor Byrne-Rosengren (EBR), Tenzin Choekyi (TC), Roger Eames (RE), Cameron Garrett (CG), Linda Hendry (LH), Martin Mills (MM), Dorje Nyima (DN), Jill Sudbury (JS), Ron Scrimgeour (RS), Linda Fabiani (LF), Tsering Yangkey (TY), Tenzin Zeydhan (TZ), Trinley Gyamtso (TG)

Guests

Speaker Lupon Sonam Tenphel, Dawa Tsering MP, Sonam Norbu MP, Tenzin Sherap, Tenzin Menkyi, Leela Mulukutla, Radharani Thakuria, Tenzin Palden, Iain Gill, Nick Boss, Tenzin Wangdu, Tenzin Chodak, Karma Tendhar

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mercedes Villalba MSP, Rhoda Grant MSP, Tenzin Kunga, Alex Cole-Hamilton, Ani Rinchen Khandro, and Ritchie Walker

1. Welcome

RG welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies.

2. Approval of Minutes – 12 June 2024

It was noted that RS was present at the June meeting and the minutes should be amended to reflect this. Minutes of the June 2024 meeting were approved subject to this change being implemented.

3. Election of Officers

The following were proposed, seconded and unanimously voted in:

- Chair/Convener – Ross Greer MSP
- Deputy Chair/Convener – Collette Stevenson MSP

- Secretary – Eleanor Byrne-Rosengren
- Treasurer – Roger Eames

4. Chair/Secretary's Review

Eleanor provided a verbal report on the previous year's activity. This included two standard CPGT meetings and co-hosting the Tenzin Delek Rinpoche Medal of Courage awards.

5. Treasurer's Report

Roger confirmed that donations to the value of £60 had been received during 2023/24 and there had been no expenditure. The balance on the CPGT bank account as at 1 October 2024 was £290.02.

6. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

7. Campaign/News Update

In order to allow more time to hear from the guest speakers, it was agreed that Tenzin Choekyi would circulate the latest news from Tibet via email.

8. Address from Ven Khenpo Sonam Tenphel

RG welcomed Ven Khenpo Sonam Tenphel, the Speaker of the Tibetan Parliament, and invited him to address the meeting.

9. Address from Tsering Yangkey

RG welcome Tsering Yangkey, the new Representative of the Dalai Lama to the UK and Northern Europe, and invited her to address the meeting.

10. AOB

There was a Q&A session for meeting participants with the guest speakers. There was no other AOB.

11. Action Point Summary

- EBR to circulate Tenzin Choekyi's news update.
- EBR to complete and submit the annual return.