

Initial Meeting of the Cross-Party Group on Ukraine

Monday 18th September 1800

Microsoft Teams

Minutes of Meeting

Present

MSPs

Colin Beattie MSP (SNP)
Miles Briggs MSP (CON)
Ben Macpherson MSP (SNP)
Paul O’Kane (LAB)
Liam McArthur (LIB DEM)

Invited guests

Andrii Kuslii (Consul General - Consulate of Ukraine in Edinburgh)
Anna Kulish
Douglas Lyons
Jenny Gray

Apologies

Christine Grahame MSP (SNP)
Alex Cole-Hamilton (LIB DEM)
Michelle Thompson (SNP)

Welcome

Meeting opened 1800 and Colin Beattie welcomed the group.

Agenda item 1 - Election of Office Bearers

Chaired by Liam McArthur MSP

a. The Election of the CPG Convener

Colin Beattie is proposed by Ben McPherson MSP, this is seconded by Miles Briggs MSP.

There are no other nominations and Colin Beattie MSP is duly elected as Convener.

b. The Election of the Deputy Conveners

Miles Briggs MSP, Paul O’Kane MSP and Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP are proposed as joint Deputy Conveners of the group. The nominations were seconded by Liam McArthur MSP. Miles Briggs MSP, Paul O’Kane MSP and Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP are elected as joint Deputy Conveners.

c. Secretary

Anna Kulish is proposed by Colin Beattie MSP. This nomination is seconded by Liam McArthur MSP. Anna Kulish is elected as Secretary.

Agenda item 2 - Confirm the name and purpose of the Group

Colin Beattie proposed the name of *The Cross Party Group on Ukraine*. Colin Beattie asked the group if they were content with this name. The name was carried.

Colin Beattie read the following proposed purpose of the CPG to the attendees.
To promote political, cultural, educational and economic links between Scotland and Ukraine and to facilitate meetings and contacts between parliamentarians of both countries.

Colin Beattie asked the group if they were content with this proposed purpose. The purpose of the CPG on Ukraine was carried.

Agenda item 3 - Confirm the MSP membership

Colin Beattie proposed the following names as MSP members of the CPG on Ukraine

Colin Beattie (SNP)
Miles Briggs (CON)
Christine Grahame (SNP)
Ben Macpherson (SNP)
Michelle Thompson (SNP)
Paul O’Kane (LAB)
Alex Cole-Hamilton (LIB DEM)
Liam McArthur (LIB DEM)

Colin Beattie asked the group if they were content with this MSP membership. This initial MSP membership was carried.

Agenda item 4 - Discuss all other information added to the registration form

Colin Beattie confirmed that the draft of the Cross-Party Group Registration Form had been circulated to the attendees of this meeting. This was confirmed by the attendees. Colin Beattie mentioned the list of Non-MSP members that were in this document and this can be added to further in the future.

Colin Beattie closed the Initial Meeting of the CPG on Ukraine at 1810