

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

### Name of Cross-Party Group

### Cross-Party Group on Cuba

**Date Group Established** (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

28<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

15/12/22

### Date Annual Return Submitted

12/01/22

**Date of Preceding AGM** [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

28/10/21

### Group Meetings and Activities

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

**28/10/2021:**

**This meeting was attended by Carol Mochan MSP, Maggie Chapman MSP, Mercedes Villalba MSP, Kath Campbell (Member) and Chris Costello and Eva McFarlane (Attendees).**

**This meeting was to reconstitute the CPG on Cuba where office bearers were elected to the roles set out. Kath Campbell would provide secretariat on behalf of Scottish Cuba Solidarity Campaign.**

**Kath Campbell thanked MSPs for working to reconstitute the group, provided an update on the political, social, and economic situation in Cuba and set out the plans of Scottish Cuba Solidarity Campaign for the year ahead in the face of Covid-19.**

**08/12/2021**

**This meeting was attended by Carol Mochan MSP, Maggie Chapman MSP, Mercedes Villalba MSP, Kath Campbell (Member) and Chris Costello and Eva McFarlane (Attendees).**

**At this meeting MSP members provided an update on the Covid-19 protocols in the Scottish Parliament, outlining the impact this would have on the ability of the CPG to meet in person, whilst agreeing that it would be positive for the CPG to meet and hold events in and around Parliament moving forward.**

**Kath Campbell provided an update from the region and spoke in detail about the impacts of the blockade on Cuban society and its economy. Kath also highlighted the potential visit of members of the Cuban embassy to be visiting Scotland in 2022 and it was hoped a visit would occur if circumstances allowed.**

**Further discussions on the year ahead took place and the Convener closed the meeting.**

**15/12/2022**

**The Convener welcomed all to the meeting which was attended by Carol Mochan MSP, Katy Clark MSP, Maggie Chapman MSP, Mercedes Villalba MSP, Kath Campbell of Scottish Cuba Solidarity Campaign, alongside Chris Costello and Eva McFarlane from the office of the Convener.**

**There was a wide-ranging discussion about the challenges facing Cubans throughout 2022 but Kath Campbell also alluded to some of the progress being made with recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.**

**It was highlighted by both MSP and non MSP members that there ought to be greater cooperation in 2023 between the CPG and SCSC to ensure that Parliamentary events can take part and to allow SCSC to bring its Caravan Against the Blockade to the Scottish Parliament.**

**It was agreed that the CPG would meet again before the end of the month and again in the early New Year, hopefully in the Scottish Parliament and the meeting was closed.**

**15/12/2022 (AGM)**

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**There was a discussion of the need to return an Annual Return Form to the Scottish Parliament within 30 days of the AGM outlining the work of the CPG since the previous AGM.**

**Office Bearers were elected as follows:**

**Carol Mochan MSP – Convener  
Maggie Chapman MSP – Vice Convener  
Kath Campbell – Secretariat**

**There was no further competent business and the meeting was closed.**

**22/12/2022**

**The meeting was opened by the Convener and was attended by Carol Mochan MSP, Mercedes Villalba MSP, Kath Campbell, Chris Costello, and Eva McFarlane.**

**The sole focus of the meeting was to consider the practicalities of hosting a Caravan against the blockade event outside the Scottish Parliament in support of the Cuban people and indeed of the economy and future of the nation.**

**It was agreed that such an event would be complimented by a meeting of the CPG within the Scottish Parliament and indeed it was agreed further that individuals from the Cuban Embassy in the UK should be invited to provide their views on the current situation in Cuba and how Parliamentarians and Campaigners here in Scotland can assist.**

**The meeting closed with the Convener wishing those in attendance well for the Festive Season and New Year.**

### **MSP Members of The Group**

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

**Carol Mochan – Scottish Labour**

**Maggie Chapman – Scottish Greens**

**Colin Beattie – SNP**

**Mercedes Villalba – Scottish Labour**

**Katy Clark – Scottish Labour**

### **Non-MSP Members of The Group**

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

#### **Individuals**

Adrienne Chalmers

Alan Hobbett

Antonia Aguila

Arthur West  
Avril Vera Leon  
Gordon Munro  
Colin McCulloch Craig Munro  
David Sharpe  
Dot Sharkey  
Dougie Kerr  
Frieda Park  
Geraldine Rooney  
Gerry Corbett  
Helen Martin  
Ian Parsons  
Jenny James  
Dr Joan Cutting  
Tommy Kane  
Kath Bateman  
Kevin Carroll  
Kevin Leetion  
Lindsey McArthur  
Liz Elkind  
Margaret McGregor  
Margaret Cameron  
Marlyn Glen  
Murray Swan  
Neil Anderson  
Pamela Page  
Pau Harding  
Pauline Bryan  
Pauline Boyle  
Prof Sean Smith  
Rev Graham McGeoch

	Richard Le Sueur Ronnie Moran Scott Lamond Stuart Hyslop Valentina Montoya Martinez Kath Campbell Lesley Dobbin Elaine Smith.
<b>Organisations</b>	Scottish Cuba Solidarity, STUC, Scottish Medical Aid for Cuba, Scottish Venezuela Solidarity,
<p><b>Group Office Bearers</b></p> <p>Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.</p>	
<b>Convener</b>	Carol Mochan MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Maggie Chapman MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Kath Campbell – Scottish Cuba Solidarity Campaign
<b>Treasurer</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</b>	

**Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.**

**Not Applicable**

**Convener Contact Details**

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