

## **Cross-Party Group on Malawi**

October 6<sup>th</sup> 2022: 6pm-7pm

### **Minute**

## **Present**

### **MSPs**

- Alasdair Allan MSP (Chair)
- Alexander Stewart MSP
- Jenni Minto MSP
- Liam McArthur MSP
- Mark Ruskell MSP

### **Invited guests**

Professor Samson & Mrs Susan Kambalu

## **Non-MSP Group Members**

### **In Person**

- Abbie Stevenson, University of Dundee
- Chad Morse, Scotland Malawi Partnership
- Charis Gibson, University of Dundee
- Costanza Cascio, University of Dundee
- Craig Docking, Scotland Malawi Partnership
- David Hope-Jones, Scotland Malawi Partnership
- Eilidh Strang, University of Dundee
- Elizabeth Connor, University of Dundee
- Frances Guy, Scotland's International Development Alliance
- Prof Heather Cubie
- Jade Stein, Scotland Malawi Partnership
- Lewis Ryder-Jones, Oxfam Scotland
- Lucy Cowie, University of Dundee
- Moira Dunworth, Mamie Martin Fund
- Rayana Mohammed, Corra Foundation
- Rosie Holmes, University of Dundee
- Stuart Brown, Scotland Malawi Partnership
- Dr Tracy Morse, University of Strathclyde

### **Online**

- Alan Laverock, Bananabox Trust / Scotland Malawi Partnership
- Brian Kerr, The Soko Fund
- Chrissie Hirst, Corra Foundation
- Daniel Kachale, FCDO

- David Crossley
- Emma Gomani, Power Global International Ltd
- Emma Shea, University of Dundee
- Graham Kenala, Power Global International Ltd
- Harold Kuombola, Link Community Development Malawi
- Helen Mein
- Jane Forster
- Kate Sykes, Link Education International
- Kevin Simpson, Malawi Fruits
- Linda Dembo, Malawi Scotland Partnership
- Louise Davies, Scotland's International Development Alliance
- Lucy Chitembeya, Power Global International Ltd
- Margaret Merchant
- Moses Busher, Power Global International Ltd
- Paul Garside, University of Glasgow, Wellcome Centre for Integrative Parasitology
- Paul McLennan
- Paul Shaw, Dementia Friendly Dunblane
- Samson Kambalu
- Sine Nicolson
- Susan Kambalu
- Yousuf Khursheed, Bananabox Trust / Classrooms for Malawi

## Apologies

- Alexander Burnett MSP
- Brian Whittle MSP
- Douglas Ross MSP
- Edward Mountain MSP
- Elena Whitham MSP
- Fiona Hyslop MSP
- Jackie Baillie MSP
- John Mason MSP
- Mercedes Villalba MSP
- Neil Gray MSP
- Oliver Mundell MSP
- Rhoda Grant MSP
- Sarah Boyack MSP
- Peter West (Malawi Hon Consul to Scotland)

## Agenda item 1

On the 6th of October 2022, the Malawi Cross Party Group (CPG) held their AGM, chaired by Co-Convener, Alasdair Allan MSP. This meeting heard from leading Malawian artist and creator of Trafalgar Square fourth plinth statue 'Antelope', Samson Kambalu, and his wife, Susan Kambalu, and included updates from those in

attendance about their links with Malawi. A full recording of this meeting can be found on the Scotland Malawi Partnership's website.

### **Welcome, apologies and minutes of last meeting - Dr Alasdair Allan MSP**

Alasdair welcomed attendees, recognised MSPs in attendance and noted apologies where these had been given. The minutes of the previous CPG were proposed by Liam McArthur MSP and seconded by Jenni Minto MSP.

## Agenda item 2

### **AGM of the CPG, including (re-)election of Co-Convenors, Co-Vice Convenors and Secretary**

- o Alasdair Allan MSP, Alexander Stewart MSP and Liam McArthur MSP were re-elected as Co-Convenors.
- o Mark Ruskell MSP and Sarah Boyack MSP were re-elected as Vice Co-Convenors.
- o David Hope-Jones, CEO of the Scotland Malawi Partnership, was re-elected as Secretary, proposed by Alasdair Allan MSP and seconded by Liam McArthur MSP. Liam thanked David and his team on behalf of the CPG, for the support they provide.

## Agenda item 3

### **Conversation with Malawian artist Prof Samson Kambalu and his Scottish wife Susan Kambalu, followed by Q&A**

- o Samson and Susan spoke of their own Scotland-Malawi partnership as a couple and Samson about his sense of identity, work as an Artist and creation of the statue Antelope which sits on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square.

## Agenda item 4

### **Updates**

- o Dr Tracy Morse gave an update on the University of Strathclyde's Malawi links.
- o Prof Heather Cubie spoke of the MALSCOT cervical cancer screening and mentoring project.
- o Costanza Cascio gave insights into the projects of University of Dundee medical students undertaking an intercalated degree in International Health

- o Moira Dunworth shared information on the work of the Mamie Martin Fund.

## Agenda item 5

### **AOB and thanks from Chair - Dr Alasdair Allan MSP**

- o Alasdair thanked speakers, attendees, MSP colleagues and the Scotland Malawi Partnership. After the meeting closed, in-person attendees had the opportunity for networking over Malawi gin and tonics.