

# Cross Party Group on Pakistan of the Scottish Parliament



Minute of the Meeting to Re-register the Cross Party Group on Pakistan held on 27 October 2021 by Teams.

## ***MSPs Present:***

Foysof Chaudry MSP (Labour)  
James Dornan MSP (SNP)  
Willie Rennie MSP (Liberal Democrat)  
Kaukab Stewart MSP (SNP)

## ***Non-MSPs:***

Amer Masood  
Euan Ingram (Office of Kaukab Stewart MSP)  
Grant Thoms (Office of Kaukab Stewart MSP)

## ***Apologies***

Sarah Boyack MSP (Labour)  
Murdo Fraser MSP (Conservative)  
Anas Sarwar MSP (Labour)

## **Welcome**

Kaukab Stewart MSP welcomed members to meeting to re-register the CPG on Pakistan and it was agreed for her to chair the meeting.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the CPG has been in place since the CPG was established back in 2016. The Chair had been advised by the Standards Clerks that these can't be changed for a re-registration of a CPG so it was agreed to confirm the previous purpose of the CPG for re-registration purposes.

## **Election of Office-bearers**

### ***Convener***

Kaukab Stewart put herself forward as Convener with a strong interest in Pakistan and how relations between the two countries can be broadened through the CPG. Ms Stewart was proposed by James Dornan and seconded by Willie Rennie and this was agreed.

### ***Vice Convener***

There were no nominations at this point for the role of Vice Convener and it was agreed that this would be followed up at the next meeting.\*

### ***Secretary***



Amer Masood agreed to be re-appointed as Secretary and this was agreed by the meeting.

### ***Treasurer***

As there were no plans to introduce a membership fee, there was no real requirement for a Treasurer at this point. The CPG could re-visit this role in the future if a need arises.

### **Topics for Future Meetings**

The Chair asked for suggestions for future topics and for members to consider subjects which would be of interest to the CPG. The Chair indicated that she would like to see a stronger focus on education and culture in a future programme.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

\*Following initial submission of the re-registration form, Willie Rennie MSP agreed (by email) to assume the role of Vice Convener to facilitate the need for two MSP office-bearers for re-registration purposes.