

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palestine

16th May 2023 6-8 pm

Minutes

Chair: Pauline McNeil MSP

Present

MSPs

Pauline McNeil MSP, Co Convener CPG Palestine

Maggie Chapman MSP, Co Convener CPG Palestine

James Dornan MSP, Co Convener CPG Palestine

Bill Kidd MSP

Ruth Maguire MSP

Mercedes Villalba MSP

Ivan McKee MSP

MSP Apologies

Sarah Boyack MSP

Katy Clark MSP

Miles Briggs MSP

Brian Whittle MSP

Non-MSP Attendance

Ibrahim Abu Khadra, Chair Member of the Palestinian community in Scotland),

Wael Abu Shawish, Chair Member of the Palestinian community in Scotland),

Riham Abu Olwan

Yara Badereddin.

Chris White CPG Secretary

Eman El-Bahnassawy (Speaker)

Sara El-Awaisi (Speaker)

Kat Cary

Peter McDade

Phil Chetwynd

Susan Moffatt

Mike Whitehead, Vice-Convener, Dundee-Nablus Twinning Association

Azzam Mohamad, Vice convener of Muslim council of Scotland

Mixar Krayem

Zarina Ahmad

Basia Gordon

Omar Shamma

Sandra Burt

Jim Malone

Jan Benvie
Gerry Coutts
Hala George
Liz Elkind
Eman ElBahnassawy (+4 Guests))
Dr Ahmed Hassanien
Noor Hassanien
Yusuf Hassanien
Taha Hassanien
Bashier Oudeh (+2)
• Reem Oudeh
• Abdullah Oudeh
Sandra Horne
Gerry O Hare
Allan Gordon (Gluten intolerant)
Roseanne Maguire
Wael Shawish
Dr Dana Sayyedahmad
Hadil Louz
Nadia El-Nakla (+10 Guests)
• Ibrahim Banat
• Nawal Abusultan
• Bayan Alhasani
• Jibran Yousaf
• Tabish Yousaf
• Hassan Yousaf
• Hasna El-Nakla
• Amera El-Nakla
• Maya Umar
San Ghanny choir
Susan Moffat
Kathy Jenkins
Maxine Beahan
Ian Davies
John Ireson
Apologies
Miles Briggs MSP
Brian Whittle MSP
Katy Clark MSP
Sarah Boyack MSP
Sandra White
Claudia Beamish
John Badenhorst
Roger Spooner
Monica Spooner
Anne Alden

Guests:

Palestinian Mission

Ambassador Husam S. Zomlot

Marwan Yaghi Attaché

Welcome from Chair

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting to supports the work of the Cross-Party Group on Palestine to raise awareness of the Nakba and complement other worldwide markings such as the one taking place at the UN General Assembly The audience will include Members, members of the CPG and the Palestinian community

Contributions

- Address by Ambassador Husam S. Zomlot and introduction to Palestinian Mission Nakba video presentation.
- Group heard from speakers and their memories and thoughts of the NAKBA
- Group heard from Scotland's first Scottish Palestinian elected member Cllr Nadia El Nakba
- Group screening of Ghazi Hussein Palestinian Exile living in Scotland
- Ambassador Husam S. Zomlot thanks and thoughts for the future

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