

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Tibet
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
<b>5<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> October, 2020</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b>
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>  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.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019:</b> Annual General Meeting. Chair: Linda Fabiani MSP. 2 MSPs; 6 non-MSPs  <b>4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019:</b> Agenda Items: Potential Talk: <i>A Unique Tradition – Incarnates Lamas in Tibetan Buddhism</i> . Possible film presentation – <i>The Dalai Lama – Scientist</i> . (VS). Report on

International Tibet Support Group Meeting. Tibet in Diaspora Report. Climate Change Inquiry Report. Present: 2 MSPs; 5 non-MSPs.

**22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020** First meeting of the Third Pole Climate Change Inquiry: Discussion of Terms of Reference of Inquiry (see <https://scotlandtibet.wordpress.com/third-pole-climate-change-inquiry/>). Present: 3 MSPs, 17 non-MSPs.

**11<sup>th</sup> March, 2020:** Second Meeting of the Climate Change Inquiry: **Hosting Dr David Molden and Eklabya Sharma, Director General and Deputy Director General of The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD).** ICIMOD is a major international research centre on mountain development, located in Kathmandu, Nepal. It recently published the *Hindu Kush Himalaya Assessment*, a comprehensive assessment of climate change and development in the Hindu Kush-Himalaya region, that is available open access to the public. **(Meeting cancelled at last moment because of international COVID restrictions).**

**21<sup>st</sup> April, 2020:** Third Meeting of the Third Pole Climate Change Inquiry. Meeting with Gabriel Lafitte (rukor.org), author of *Spoiling Tibet*, and Michael Buckley, author of *Meltdown in Tibet*. **(Meeting Cancelled due to COVID Restrictions).**

**19<sup>th</sup> May, 2020:** Hosting members of the Environment Policy Unit of the Tibet Policy Institute, Central Tibetan Administration, Dharamsala. **(Meeting Cancelled due to COVID Restrictions).**

**29<sup>th</sup> October, 2020:** AGM. Chair's report, Secretary's report, Treasurer's Report. Present: 3 MSPs; 12 non-MSPs. Existing officers re-elected.

#### **Other Events:**

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2019:** CPG Secretary attended and spoke at the *6<sup>th</sup> Global China Dialogue Meeting*, British Academy – UK Parliament.

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2019:** CPG Secretary attended and spoke at the *2<sup>nd</sup> Climate Action for Tibet* panel discussion in Madrid, coinciding with the COP 25 UN Climate Summit.

**8<sup>th</sup> May 2020:** CPG Secretary to speak in Amsterdam to EU Parliamentarians and Tibet Groups **(Cancelled due to COVID restrictions).**

#### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Linda Fabiani MSP (Chair)

Ross Greer MSP (Deputy Chair)

Maureen Watt MSP

David Stewart MSP

Rhoda Grant MSP

## 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	Dr Martin Mills (Secretary) Roger Eames (Treasurer) Ron Scrimgeour Linda Hendry Maxwell Macleod Victor Spence Jenni Campbell David Hudson
Organisations	Scottish Centre for Himalayan Research, University of Aberdeen Office of Tibet, London Tibet Support Group Grampian Tibet Support Group Scotland Amnesty International Tibet Society Free Tibet Students for a Free Tibet

## GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

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.

Convener	Linda Fabiani MSP
Deputy Convener	Ross Greer MSP
Secretary	Dr Martin Mills

Treasurer	Roger Eames
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**FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

The Group receives secretariat support from the Scottish Centre for Himalayan Research at the University of Aberdeen. Travel expenses and accommodation costs for presentations by Group Secretary in London and Madrid were provided by the Centre for Global China Institute and the Tibet Policy Institute, Dharamsala respectively.

**SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

None.

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