

Cross Party Group on Fair Trade

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 11 November 2020 immediately following the AGM

Online

1. The minutes of the March 2020 meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.
2. In attendance: Colin Smyth MSP, Gordon Lindhurst MSP, Anne Walsh (West Lothian Fairtrade Group), Eve Braodis (Fair Trade Scotland Ltd), Phil Broadis(Fair Trade Scotland Ltd), Scott Erwin (Greencity and Glasgow Fair Trade Co-op) Russell Salton (Edinburgh Fairtrade City Group), Shirley Brown, Karena Jarvie, Liz Manson, Martin Meteyard, Daniella Cromwell (BAFTS), Jan MacGregor, Arran Fair Trade, Katherine Naylor, Pam Bochel, BAFTS, Kirsty Connell, Scotmid, Graeme Clark (SQA), Stephen Hunt (Challenges), Ailsa Henderson, Martin Rhodes (SFTF), Ross Isdale (SFTF) , Aimable Nshimye (Sholi Coffee Co-operative Rwanda), Joanna Pollard (Fairtrade Yorkshire), Morag Rennie (Motherwell Fair Trade Group), Mary Popple (JTS), Barbara Holligan.

Apologies: Josh Brown, Sarah Aldred and Richard McCready

3. Update on Nestle/Kitkat campaign: the guest speaker, Joanna Pollard of Fairtrade Yorkshire gave a presentation and answered questions on the recent campaign to keep KitKat Fairtrade. She covered the differences between Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance, the views of farmers on the impact of the change; the online petition and day of action; the successes and challenges of the campaign; and the lessons to be learnt from the campaign.
4. Update on the Rwandan Coffee Project: The guest speakers: Aimable Nshimiye of the Sholi Coffee Co-operative, Rwanda and Ross Isdale of the Scottish Fair Trade Forum gave an update on the project since the CPG last had a presentation on the project in 2019. They highlighted the purpose of the project and progress made and in particular the impact of Covid-19 on production and the ongoing impact of climate change on the coffee production and the local communities.
5. No other business was raised.
6. Close of business