

# Cross Party Group on Fair Trade

## Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 19 January 2021

### Online

**In attendance:** Colin Smyth MSP, John Mason MSP, Martin Rhodes (SFTF), Katherine Naylor, Graeme Clark (SQA), Ross Isdale (SFTF), Vicky Allan (Mid Formartine Fairtrade group), Carol Morton (Hadeel/Palcrafts), Jan MacGregor, Eve Braodis (Fair Trade Scotland Ltd) Karena Jarvie (Perth and Kinross Fair Trade Group), Matthew Aitken (Dunscore Fair Trade Group), Rachel Farey (One World Shop), Tricia Kaminski, Russell Salton (Edinburgh Fair Trade Steering Group), Ailsa Henderson, Sue Milne, Liz Manson (Dumfries and Galloway Council), Yvonne Goodfellow (Scotmid) Sally Romilly, Andy Ashcroft (KoolSkools), Angela Oakley, Martin Meteyard, Gill Smee (Orkney Fair Trade), Juan Santelices (Fair Business Alliance), Shirley Brown, Morag Rennie (Motherwell Fair Trade), Jane Forster, Charles Sim (SFTT), Joyce Juma-Phiri, Roy McIvor, Lesley Henderson, Roise Rutherford (Dumfries Fair Trade Group), Lynne Rankin, Kevin McGregor, Patricia McCartney (SSVP).

**Apologies,** Tilly McBride, Philip Huckin, Claudia Beamish MSP, Alex Rowley MSP, Mark Ruskell MSP

1. The minutes of the meeting of 21 November 2020 were agreed as an accurate record.
2. **Guest speaker: Alice Lucas, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Fairtrade Foundation.** The speaker set out the process followed by the UK Government in establishing new trade deals post-Brexit. She outlined the 'rollover' agreements with the poorest countries. She also outlined the problems experienced by countries such as Ghana that didn't yet have agreements in place. This was having an immediate impact regarding tariffs being imposed on products such as bananas. She also set out the difficulties experienced by Fairtrade producers who export their products to the UK through the European Union. There were discussions about the impact of this in particular on those producers who carry out more value added work in-country before exporting.
3. No other business was raised.
4. Close of business