

Cross Party Group on Nordic Countries

AGM & Guest Lecture

Thursday 20 February 2020

Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies

Attending:

Angus MacDonald MSP	Alasdair Allan MSP	Jeremy Balfour MSP
Beatrice Wishart MSP	Amb. Wegger Strømme	Mona Røhne
Kristin Hannesdottir	Per Johnsson	Lesley Gray
Dr Alan McNiven	Scott Wightman	David Fleetwood
Elsbeth Macdonald	Michael Hansen-Just	Kirsti Dinnis
Hugh Hopkins	Ragne Hopkins	Anne Connolly
Eva Tyson	Ann Gebbie	Douglas Johnston
Frank Stewart	Margaret Stewart	Hanna Rosnes
Daniel Morrison	Sally Garden	Helen Strømme
Neil Macauley	Richard McLeod	Jorid McQuillan
Einar Dons	Allan Little	Maxim Gurov
David Barnes	Jonathon Pryce	Solvi Fleming
Adam Mackie	Nellie Wilson	Iain Sinclair
Diane Macintyre		

Apologies:

Maurice Golden MSP	Mark Ruskell MSP	Prof. Richard Williams
Cons. Gen Truszowski	Malcolm Roughead	Simon Collins
Sharon McKendry	Dr Gordon Rintoul	Lesley Riddoch
Cons. Stuart MacPherson	Prof. John Sawkins	Kari Dickson
James Trolland		

2. Election of Office Bearers

Convener: Angus MacDonald MSP, nominated by Jeremy Balfour MSP, seconded by Alasdair Allan MSP

Vice Conveners: Mark Ruskell MSP & Maurice Golden MSP, nominated by Jeremy Balfour MSP, seconded by Beatrice Wishart MSP

3. Guest Lecture

Ambassador Wegger Strømme, Norwegian Ambassador to the UK:

Norwegian-Scottish Relations: Past & Present

Subjects discussed included the close proximity between Scotland and Norway and the benefits this brings in terms of trading and business links, Climate Change and the work being done by the Arctic Council, Post Brexit negotiations, Scotland's support of Norway during WW2.

4. Q & A

5. AOB