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**Meeting:** Cross Party Group on Scotch Whisky

**Location:** Online video call – MS Teams

**Date Held:** Thursday 8 October 2020

**Attendees:**

**MSPs:** Murdo Fraser MSP, Liam McArthur MSP

**Other attendees:** Karen Freel (Perspectiva Consultants), Annie Hill (Institute of Brewing and Distilling, Heriot Watt), Beatrice Morrice (SWA), Stacey Adam (MSP Assistant).

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Murdo Fraser MSP chaired the meeting.

**1. Election of office bearers – CPG on Scotch Whisky**

Members of the group elected office bearers to the following positions:

**Joint Conveners:**

- Murdo Fraser MSP
- Gordon MacDonald MSP

**Joint Deputy Conveners:**

- Liam McArthur MSP
- David Stewart MSP

**Secretary**

- Beatrice Morrice, Scotch Whisky Association

**2. AOB**

Attendees discussed issues to focus on at future meetings and the group agreed to cover the impact of the Japan Free Trade Agreement on the Scotch Whisky industry at a future meeting.

Beatrice also provided information on the impact of Covid-19 on the Scotch Whisky industry and an update on US tariffs.

The date for the next meeting will be circulated shortly.

**Action**

**SWA**

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