



Annual General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

14 January 2020, 1 pm, PCH Room Q

Attendees

Alex Sobel MP
Ben Lake MP
Carol Monaghan MP
Dame Diana Johnson MP
Deidre Brock MP
Fiona Bruce MP
Gavin Newlands MP
Hywel Williams MP
James Davies MP
James Sunderland MP
Jonathan Reynolds MP
Kerry McCarthey MP
Liz Twist MP
Margaret Greenwood MP
Mary Glindon MP
Michael Tomlinson MP
Navendu Mishra MP
Olivia Blake MP
Robert Goodwill MP
Sally-Ann Hart MP
Stephen Metcalfe MP
Stephen Timms MP
Wayne David MP

Apologies

Andrew Selous MP
Angus Brendan MacNeil MP
Anne McLaughlin MP
Baroness Scott of Needham Market
Clive Lewis MP
Debbie Abrahams MP
Emma Lewell-Buck MP
Gregory Campbell MP
Jane Hunt MP
Janet Daby MP
Jason McCartney MP
Jeffrey Donaldson MP
Jerome Mayhew MP
Julian Knight MP
Julian Lewis MP
Kevin Hollinrake MP
Lord Gordon of Strathblane
Mark Pritchard MP
Paul Blomfield MP
Paul Girvan MP
Philip Davies MP
Sharon Hodgson MP
Tonia Antoniazzi MP

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 1 pm and was declared quorate by Carol Monaghan MP. Carol began the meeting by explaining her interest in ME and the aim of the new APPG to produce a report paper on key issues impacting ME sufferers.

The purpose of this inaugural meeting was to elect new officers and register the APPG.

2. Election of Officers

Six Officers were nominated to roles within the APPG:

Chair (named contact): Carol Monaghan MP (SNP)

Co-Chair: Stephen Metcalfe MP (Con)

Co-Chair: Sharon Hodgson MP (Lab)

Treasurer: Olivia Blake MP (Lab)

Secretary: Hywel Williams MP (Plaid)

Vice Chair: Ben Lake MP

All Officers were elected.

3. AOB and Close

Carol Monaghan MP notified APPG members that the next meetings have been provisionally booked for the 11th February 2020 and 10th March 2020.

The proposed future meeting topics were then discussed briefly:

1. Access to healthcare as GET/CBT has proven ineffective
2. Access to financial support and welfare benefits e.g. Personal Independence Payment
3. Protection for children with ME
4. Biomedical research spending by the Medical Research Council (MRC) and National Institute

These were agreed upon with an addition of topics: (1) economic and societal impact of ME as a justification for additional spending (which was suggested by Stephen Metcalfe MP), and (2) medical diagnosis (which was suggested by Olivia Blake MP).

The Secretariat, Charles Shepherd from ME Association, then answered some questions on biomedical research updates.