

All Party Parliamentary Group on Fisheries



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 20 January 2020, 15:00, Grand Committee Room, Westminster Hall.

Attendees:

Sheryll Murray MP (Con)	Neil Parish MP (Con)
Dr Philippa Whitford MP (SNP)	Martin Vickers MP (Con)
Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP (Lib Dem)	Peter Aldous MP (Con)
Anthony Mangnall MP (Con)	Lord Greenway (Crossbench)
Selaine Saxby MP (Con)	Lord Russell of Liverpool (Crossbench)
David Duguid MP (Con)	Lord McColl of Dulwich (Con)
Lia Nici MP (Con)	Jacob Ashton (APPG on Fisheries Secretariat)

1. Chair's welcome

Sheryll Murray MP welcomed all attendees, and drew attention to the fact that since the announcement of the AGM didn't reach the All Party Notice in time, the AGM's outcomes would only be ratified at the APPG's next meeting (scheduled for 25 February). She also mentioned that this meeting would be immediately succeeded by a meeting with the visiting Norwegian delegation, following discussions with Neil Parish MP, given that the EFRA Select Committee is not currently sitting.

2. Apologies for absence

Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP	Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP
Mike Hill MP	Lord Puttnam
Rt Hon Sir Lyndsay Hoyle MP	Lord Kilclooney
Jane Hunt MP	

3. Minutes of the last AGM

Minutes of the previous AGM were not covered during the meeting.

4. Election of Officers

The following Officers were duly nominated:

Chair: Sheryll Murray MP

Vice Chairs: Martin Vickers MP, Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP, David Duguid MP, Stephen Morgan MP, Lia Nici MP, Dr Philippa Whitford MP, Peter Aldous MP, Baroness Wilcox, Lord Greenway, Lord McColl, Lord Russell.

Nominations are to be ratified at the next meeting of the APPG on Fisheries on 25 February, when the full cross-party membership will be present.

5. Programme of work/forthcoming events

Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP put forward the idea of two Co-Chairs of different parties leading the APPG (following the loss of Melanie Onn MP, previously Co-Chair of the Group, in the December election).

Sheryll Murray MP gave the alternative suggestion that Vice Chairs could take more of a lead for certain events. She said that after 31 January, she believed the APPG could be far more effective. Further discussion on this matter will be tabled for the next meeting

Sheryll Murray MP thanked the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers for their funding of the Secretariat for the APPG, and highlighted its importance as a neutral body. She suggested that she would write to them on behalf of the Group to thank them for their support.

Neil Parish MP suggested that the APPG on Fisheries could coordinate with other APPGs, such as the APPG on Animal Welfare. He raised the idea of setting up Working Groups to take this forward.

Dr Philippa Whitford MP highlighted the importance of the APPG in challenging areas of policy that may otherwise be overlooked. She mentioned the importance of a work programme for the APPG.

6. Meeting with representatives from the Norwegian Standing Committee on Business and Industry Affairs

Minutes of this follow-on meeting are reported in another document.