



**All Party Parliamentary Group
Arts, Health and Wellbeing**

Annual General Meeting 2015

Monday January 19th 2015

4.00-5.00pm

Room M

Portcullis House

Minutes

Present:

Lord Berkeley of Knighton
Paul Burstow MP, Chairing meeting
Alex Coulter
Lord Howarth of Newport
Fiona Mactaggart MP
Dr Sarah Wollaston MP

Apologies

Apologies received from: Sarah Newton, Jason McCartney, Lord Ramsbotham, Lord Crisp, Chris Ruane, Baroness Finlay, Baroness Greengross, Baroness Lister, Lord Crathorne, Lord Bragg

1. Minutes of the inaugural meeting 15/01/14 and actions arising

- Revised TOR was circulated by Alex Coulter
- APPG web page is on the National Alliance for Arts, Health and Wellbeing's website (www.artshealthandwellbeing.org.uk) and includes links to all the regional websites. The APPG monthly newsletter is the means by which information is circulated.
- Proposed last year that we needed a paper on baseline research. There is some work being done on this by Public Health England and Alex Coulter prepared a paper for the meeting with the SoS for Health, which she will circulate.

ACTION: Alex Coulter to circulate research paper with AGM minutes

2. Annual Report

Annual report is not a requirement for APPGs but is good practice. Financial reporting is a requirement. We have been very frugal in terms of expenditure, documented on the last page. We have held a number of events during the year, some have been jointly with other APPGs – expansive and lengthy with really good discussions. Agreed as annual report.

3. Election of Officers

The following were elected Officers:

Co-Chairs: Paul Burstow; Lord Howarth; Sarah Newton

Vice-Chairs: Sarah Wollaston; Fiona Mactaggart.

4. Qualifying Members

APPGs need ten from governing party and ten from opposition and other parties. May have to change after the election.

ACTION: Alex Coulter to register Qualifying Members after election

5. Future programme and activities

A discussion took place about events to be held on music and health (23rd February); dementia and the arts (early in the new parliament); the shared event which the group has been seeking with the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST); and discussions with Guy's and St Thomas's charitable trust for joint initiatives.

ACTION: Alex Coulter to arrange meeting date for dementia and the arts event early in new parliament. Further discussions to be pursued with Guy's and St Thomas's trust.

6. Any other business

LAHF newsletter syndicates news from across the country.

ACTION: Alex Coulter to circulate link to all members in her regular newsletter.

Thanks were expressed to Alex Coulter for her excellent support for the APPG. The funding received from the National Alliance for Arts, Health and Wellbeing was greatly appreciated and it was noted that expenditure had been tightly controlled and good value for money obtained.