



**Inaugural General Meeting of the Falkland Islands All-Party Parliamentary Group
Tuesday 10 September 2024
14:00**

Room W1, Westminster Hall

Minutes

1. Welcome

As the Chair of the APPG in the last Parliament, Peter Dowd MP, welcomed those present to the meeting:

Mr Richard Baker MP
Mr Peter Dowd MP
The Lord Davies of Gower
Mr Angus MacDonald MP
Dr Al Pinkerton MP
The Rt Hon The Lord Randall of Uxbridge Kt PC
Derek Twigg MP

2. Apologies

The Baroness Foster of Oxtou
The Rt Hon The Lord Hannan of Kingsclere
The Rt Hon The Lord Haselhurst
The Baroness Hooper CMG
The Lord Inglewood
The Rt Hon The Lord Kilclooney
The Rt Hon The Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton TD PC
The Lord Naseby
The Lord Northbrook
The Baroness Smith of Newnham
Mr Martin Vickers MP
The Rt Hon Admiral the Lord West of Spithead GCB DSC PC

3. Approval of Income and Expenditure Statement

The Income and Expenditure Statement was unanimously approved.

4. Election of Officers

Chair – Mr Peter Dowd MP

Vice-Chair – The Rt Hon The Lord Randall of Uxbridge Kt PC

The Baroness Smith of Newnham

5. Membership

1. Mr Richard Baker MP (Labour)
2. Ms Sarah Champion MP (Labour)
3. The Lord Davies of Gower (Conservative)
4. Mr Peter Dowd MP (Labour)
5. The Baroness Foster of Oxton (Conservative)
6. Mr George Freeman MP (Conservative)
7. The Rt Hon The Lord Hannan of Kingsclere (Conservative)
8. The Rt Hon The Lord Haselhurst (Conservative)
9. Dame Meg Hillier MP (Labour)
10. The Baroness Hooper CMG (Conservative)
11. The Rt Hon The Lord Kilclooney (Crossbench)
12. The Rt Hon The Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton TD PC (Conservative)
13. Mr Angus MacDonald OBE MP (Liberal Democrat)
14. The Lord Naseby (Conservative)
15. The Lord Northbrook (Conservative)
16. Dr Al Pinkerton MP (Liberal Democrat)
17. The Rt Hon The Lord Randall of Uxbridge Kt PC (Conservative)
18. Mr Andrew Rosindell MP (Conservative)
19. The Baroness Smith of Newnham (Liberal Democrat)
20. Mr Derek Twigg MP (Labour)
21. Mr Martin Vickers MP (Conservative)
22. The Rt Hon Admiral the Lord West of Spithead GCB DSC PC (Labour)

6. Falkland Islands update

An update on the latest developments in the Falkland Islands was provided by Mr Richard Hyslop, The Falkland Islands Government Representative to the UK and Europe, following which he took questions from members.

7. Any other business

Mr Peter Dowd MP raised the issue of the Falkland Islands Government (and those of the other UK Overseas Territories) being considered as foreign governments and therefore unable to provide secretarial support to the APPG. This has now been raised with the Speaker of the House of Commons.