

Minutes from British-Japanese Parliamentary Group AGM

16.05.2023

Attendees: Greg Clark MP, Baroness Whitaker, Shailesh Vara MP, Mark Logan MP, Baroness Hooper, Sir Graham Brady MP, Mark Garnier MP, John Spellar MP, Mark Logan MP, Deidre Brock MP, David Morris MP.

Apologies were received from: Lisa Cameron MP, Mark Menzies MP, Lord Howell MP, Lord Trenchard, Judith Cummings MP, Catherine West MP, Baroness Finlay, Lord Lansley, Lord McConnell

The meeting was called to order at 17:05.

Election of Chair: The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP was unanimously reappointed as Chair of the APPG.

Election of Secretary: Sir Mark Hendrick was unanimously reappointed as Secretary of the APPG.

Election of Treasurer: The post of Treasurer was formed, with Mark Garnier unanimously elected to the new role.

Election of Vice-Chairs: The following were elected unanimously: Mark Logan MP, Shailesh Vara MP, Sir Graham Brady MP, John Spellar MP, Baroness Hooper, David Morris MP, Baroness Whitaker, Lord Holmes, Lord Lansley, Deidre Brock MP, Viscount Trenchard.

Political representation in line with APPG rules.

Minuted resolution to change names on Santander accounts: There was a unanimous vote of approval to allow the officers of the APPG to seek a change of name on the accounts held by Santander bank, as required for a Mandate of Variation.

Forthcoming group activities: The Chair explained that his intention was to start the programme of meetings, lunches and receptions. Two specific events have been arranged:

12 July – there will be a drinks reception round the Japanese Ambassador's residence, this will be for up to 30 guests.

October 26 –The Churchill room has been booked out for an event on the estate, the intention is for Sake tasting.

17:18 – formal business closed, followed by informal discussion on what other activities members of the APPG would like to see prioritised moving forward.