



## **Minutes**

Diabetes APPG AGM  
Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Zoom  
12 – 12:30pm

### **In attendance:**

Derek Thomas MP  
Jim Shannon MP  
Sir George Howarth MP  
Lord Rennard  
Lord Lipsey  
Researcher for Philip Dunne

### **Apologies:**

Fabian Hamilton MP, Lisa Cameron MP

### **Minutes:**

#### **1. Election of Officers:**

- Derek Thomas MP elected as the Chair.
- Lisa Cameron and George Howarth elected as Vice-Chairs.
- Jim Shannon and Philip Dunne MP elected as Secretaries.
- Lord Rennard elected as Treasurer.
- Fabian Hamilton MP elected as Officer.
- The secretariat to the APPG will continue to be provided by Diabetes UK.

#### **2. Approval of income and expenditure statement**

Diabetes UK will continue to provide the secretariat. No extra funds need to be declared.

### **3. Agreement of proposed work plan**

Much discussion about the next meeting, which will focus on the recovery of diabetes care post-COVID. The importance of placing it into the context of the new Health and Care bill was raised.

It was agreed the next meeting would be held on the **14<sup>th</sup> June 2021** to coincide with the start of diabetes week.

Following the results of the engagement survey of the APPG last year into what areas the APPG would like it to focus on, the group has highlighted covid recovery, mental health, access to technology and reducing inequalities as areas of priority for the year. However, it was noted that this would be reviewed throughout the year given the changing policy environment for diabetes care and prevention.

Following on from last year, the prospect of an inquiry or series of meetings on mental health in diabetes with a focus on diabulimia, was discussed. George Howarth MP clarified he is monitoring the situation and will raise it with the group at a later date.

**Action:** the meeting agreed to wait for George Howarth MP to raise the issue when the timing is suitable.

Jim Shannon MP asked if in the recovery of diabetes care meeting, we can have a focus on the middle age group who have increasing numbers of type 2 diabetes.

### **4. Next Meetings**

- June 14<sup>th</sup> - Diabetes care recovery.
- Future dates tbc