**Annual General Meeting**

**5th February, 2021**

**By Zoom**

**Minutes**

1. **Parliamentary attendance:**

Andy Carter MP

Alun Cairns MP

Lord Holmes of Richmond

Baroness Bonham-Carter

Lord Lipsey

Baroness Masham of Ilton

Lord Taylor of Holbeach

Dr Lisa Cameron MP

Mark Logan MP

The Earl of Stair

Damian Collins MP

The Lord Storey

Viscount Inglewood

Gagan Mohindra MP

Lord Taylor of Warwick

Together with a number of speakers and guests.

1. **Welcome**

Andy Carter MP took the chair and welcomed guests.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Rosie Cooper MP

Sir Roger Gale MP

Sir Peter Bottomley MP

Dr Lisa Cameron

Lord Birt

Rosie Cooper   
Lord Taylor of Warwick

Marion Fellows MP

Lord Putnam

Lord Foulkes

1. **The purpose of the Group**

To provide a forum for the discussion of public policy on the media.

1. **Report and Financial Statement**

The Annual Report and Financial Statement were approved.

1. **Election of Officers**

The following having been nominated for positions were elected:

Chair: Andy Carter MP (Conservative)

Vice Chairs: Baroness Bottomley (Conservative)

Sir Roger Gale MP (Conservative)

Mark Pritchard MP (Conservative)

Baroness Bonham-Carter (Liberal Democrat)

Sir Peter Bottomley MP (Conservative)

Dr Lisa Cameron MP (Scottish Nationalist)

Lord Foster of Bath (Liberal Democrat)

Lord Birt (Crossbench)

Alun Cairns MP (Conservative)

Andrew Griffith MP (Conservative)

Mark Logan MP (Conservative)

Alex Davies-Jones MP (Labour)

Rosie Cooper MP (Labour)

Lord Taylor of Holbeach (Conservative)

Christine Jardine MP (Liberal Democrat)

Owen Thompson MP (Scottish National Party)

Jamie Stone MP (Liberal Democrat)

1. **Speakers**

Matt Ridsdale, Executive Director of Camelot Group

Joshi Hermann, Founder, Manchester Mill

John McLellan, Director, Scottish Newspaper Society

Maria Breslin, Digital Editor, Liverpool Echo

1. **Questions/Discussion**

A short but informative discussion took place.

1. **Any other Business**

The Chair thanked Camelot for their support, along with the Whitehouse Consultancy in making the practical arrangements.

1. **Next Meetings**

To be confirmed.

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