

APPG AGM Minutes
24 May 2021

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Miscarriages of Justice - 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 24 May 2021

Time and location: 16.30, held virtually via Zoom

Chair: Barry Sheerman MP, Chair of the APPG on Miscarriages of Justice

Present:

Barry Sheerman MP (Labour) (chair)
Lord Taylor of Warwick (Crossbench)
Sir Bob Neill MP (Conservative)
Andy Slaughter MP (Labour)
Baroness Stern (Crossbench)
David Lammy MP (Labour)

Secretariat (APPEAL):

Charlotte Threipland
Alex Kane

Observing:

Harriette Drew
Aaron Horsley

1. Welcome

Current APPG Chair Barry Sheerman welcomed and thanked those present. Meeting declared quorate.

2. Discussion of recent work

Barry Sheerman MP drew attention to the recent report of the Westminster Commission chaired by APPG members. Lord Garnier and Baroness Stern. All members present agreed that the WCMJ report had been well received.

3. Election of APPG Officers

Barry Sheerman was reappointed as Chair and Registered Contact. Sir Bob Neill MP appointed as a co-Chair of the APPG.
Lord Taylor of Warwick and Andy Slaughter MP were appointed as Vice Chairs.
Baroness Stern CBE was appointed as a Vice Chair.

4. Future work of group

Barry Sheerman MP raised concerns in respect of forensic science, expert evidence, and juries, noting that he had spoken to other Parliamentary members of the group about these issues. Officers present agreed these issues should be considered by the group. Discussed topic of panel event following the AGM on compensation for miscarriages of justice and the recent Post Office miscarriages of justice.

Date of next meeting: TBC
Meeting closed 16.50.