**Annual General Meeting**

**8th March 2023**

**Minutes**

1. **Parliamentary attendance**
* Andy Carter MP
* Lord Inglewood
* Sir Christopher Chope MP
* Sir Roger Gale MP
* Derek Thomas MP
* Baroness Bennett
* Patrick Grady MP

Together with a number of external guests.

1. **Welcome**

Andy Carter MP took the chair and welcomed guests.

1. **Apologies for absence**
	* + Baroness Fookes
		+ Lord Strathcarron
		+ Baroness Lister
		+ Lord Taylor of Warwick
		+ Lord Rose of Monewden
		+ Jamie Stone MP
		+ David Linden MP
		+ Baroness Masham
		+ Lord Hall of Birkenhead
		+ Damian Green MP
		+ Christine Jardine MP
2. **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 of Nettlestone (Conservative)
		- Sir Roger Gale MP (Conservative)
		- Mark Pritchard MP (Conservative)
		- Baroness Bonham-Carter of Yarnbury (Liberal Democrat)
		- Sir Peter Bottomley MP (Conservative)
		- Dr Lisa Cameron MP (SNP)
		- Lord Foster of Bath (Liberal Democrat)
		- Lord Birt (Crossbench)
		- Alun Cairns MP (Conservative)
		- Mark Logan MP (Conservative)
		- Alex Davies-Jones MP (Labour)
		- Christine Jardine MP (Liberal Democrat)
		- Owen Thompson MP (SNP)
		- Jamie Stone MP (Liberal Democrat)
		- Lord Cromwell (Crossbench)
		- Lord Inglewood (Non-affiliated)
		- Lord Dykes (Crossbench)
		- Lord Strathcarron (Conservative)
1. **Speakers**
* Jonathan Heawood, Executive Director of the Public Interest News Foundation
* Jana Bartlett, Director of NewsNow
* Sameer Padania, Media Consultant
1. **Presentation/Discussion**

A short but informative presentation and discussion took place.

1. **Any other Business**
2. **Next Meetings**

To be confirmed.

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