**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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