

Minutes of Meeting

Annual General Meeting

All Party Parliamentary Group on Beauty and Wellbeing

Date: Monday 15th May 2023

Time: 17.00

Location: Room O, Portcullis House

Members Present

- Carolyn Harris MP
- Judith Cummins MP
- John McNally MP
- Wendy Chamberlain MP
- Alex Davies-Jones MP

External Guests

- Victoria McNish, DGA (Secretariat)
- Tamsin Melville, DGA (Secretariat)
- Thomas Cains, Parliamentary Assistant to Carolyn Harris MP

Meeting

Meeting opened: 17.20pm

- Carolyn Harris MP opened the meeting by welcoming her colleagues to the Group's Annual General Meeting to reconstitute the Beauty and Wellbeing All Party Parliamentary Group.
- She then moved onto the Election of Officers. The following were proposed as Officers of the Group, and were approved by Members present unanimously.
 - Carolyn Harris MP – Chair
 - Judith Cummins MP- Co-Chair
 - Alex Davies-Jones MP - Vice Chair
 - Jess Phillips MP- Vice Chair
 - Jenny Chapman MP – Vice Chair
 - Caroline Nokes MP Vice Chair
 - Caroline Dineage MP – Vice Chair
 - Nick Smith MP – Secretary
 - Peter Dowd MP - Treasurer
- Carolyn presented the income and expenditure of the Group for the previous reporting year, which was unanimously approved by Members.
- She then stated that the National Hair and Beauty Federation have offered to sponsor the APPG in 2023 to contribute to secretariat's support with the administration and running of the Group. She added that this was on clear understanding that under parliamentary rules

they do not have the ability to direct the content of the Group's ongoing or the Group's overall aim's and objectives. This was unanimously agreed by Members.

- She also asked Members if they were happy for Dentons Global Advisors to continue as secretariat for the group. This was unanimously agreed by Members.
- Carolyn then opened a discussion on the work programme for the Group for the forthcoming reporting year.
- Carolyn mentioned changes made by the Government last year to introduce a licensing scheme in law via the Health and Care Act to finally regulate aesthetic non-surgical cosmetic treatments, such as Botox and fillers, as recommended by the APPG in its 2020/21 inquiry into the subject. The Group recently wrote to the Minister seeking a meeting to discuss the report's other recommendations, and Carolyn noted that the Minister has not yet met with the group to discuss the report and that they will keep pursuing a response.
- The Secretariat then updated Members on the Group's work with Goods for Good to deliver beauty products to Ukraine. Dr Organic has donated thousands of toothpaste and other products which will be delivered to Ukraine or donated to refugees in the UK. Carolyn invited Members to propose other businesses in their constituencies that may want to donate via the APPG.
- Carolyn then proposed holding a follow up session to the complementary therapies report published in January, with a focus on social prescribing and how to better integrate these treatments into the NHS.
- She then proposed a showcase in Parliament to bring in sector apprentices to give short treatments to MPs to highlight the importance of apprenticeships in the sector and discuss challenges small businesses are facing due to a lack of funding and Government support.
- Alex Davies-Jones MP also spoke about the digital markets bill and how it will impact small businesses on Tik Tok shop and that the bill will stifle their growth and how businesses, especially small cosmetic companies, can sell and market themselves on the platform. Carolyn agreed that this was interesting and that APPG should hold a session on the growth of online marketplaces in the beauty industry.
- Alex Davies-Jones MP added that she has been examining the Government proposal to review licenses to test products on animals and that these licenses are will be granted by the Home Office and she has been working with the Body shop to ban animal testing.
- There were no objections from the group on this.
- Carolyn then thanked her colleagues for their time.
- Carolyn closed the meeting at 5.35pm.