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## The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Brain Tumours

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### Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Brain Tumours in the 2019/2020 parliamentary session

**The Wilson Room, Portcullis House - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 16:30 - 16:45**

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#### **Chair**

**Derek Thomas MP** (Con, St Ives) was elected to Parliament for St Ives in May 2015. He was elected as the Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Brain Tumours (APPGBT) on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017. He was re-elected into this role at the Annual General Meeting of the APPGBT on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

#### **Attendees**

The following Parliamentarians were in attendance.

- Derek Thomas MP (Con, St Ives)
- Dean Russell MP (Con, Watford)
- Victoria Prentis MP (Con, Banbury)
- Helen Hayes MP (Lab, Dulwich & West Norwood)
- Karl McCartney MP (Con, Lincoln)
- Peter Aldous MP (Con, Waveney)
- Baroness Masham of Ilton (Crossbench)

#### **Apologies**

The following Parliamentarians sent their apologies:

- David Simmonds MP (Con, Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner)
- Bob Seely MP (Con, Isle of Wight)
- Daniel Poulter MP (Con, Central Suffolk and North Ipswich)
- Gavin Robinson MP (DUP, Belfast East)
- Lee Rowley MP (Con, North East Derbyshire)
- Lord Carlile of Berriew

## Minutes

**Derek Thomas MP (Con, St Ives)** began the APPGBT's inaugural meeting of the 2019/2020 parliamentary session by welcoming attendees and conducting various administrative formalities.

Derek Thomas MP was nominated, seconded, and stood unopposed as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group. He then nominated the following parliamentarians as Officers of the APPGBT, which were also seconded and approved.

### **Current officers re-standing for election:**

- Rt Hon. Alistair Carmichael MP (Lib Dem, Orkney & Shetland)
- Helen Hayes MP (Lab, Dulwich & West Norwood)
- Lee Rowley MP (Con, North East Derbyshire)
- Baroness Masham of Ilton
- Lord Carlile of Berriew

### **New officers of the APPGBT:**

- Dean Russell MP

After Officers had been elected, all Parliamentarians present agreed unanimously that the name of the Group should continue to be, '*The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Brain Tumours*' and the Group's statement of purpose should be '*To raise awareness of the issues facing the brain tumour community in order to improve research, diagnosis, information, support, treatment and care outcomes*'

The discussion then turned to the proposed 2020 future work programme for the APPGBT and what events and activity it plans to host throughout the year.

The Group thanked Brain Tumour Research for their ongoing support as the Secretariat of the APPG.

After some concluding remarks from Derek Thomas MP, the meeting drew to a close.