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All-Party Parliamentary Group for Funerals and Bereavement

### **Minutes of the AGM of the APPG Funerals and Bereavement**

The AGM took place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm in Room O of Portcullis House, Westminster

#### **Attendees**

Sir John Hayes MP – Chair  
Baroness Garden of Frognal – Vice Chair  
Lord de Mauley  
Mark Pawsey MP - Officer  
Rob Roberts MP  
In attendance – the Secretariat of the Group

Sir John opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Apologies were received from:  
Baroness Macintosh of Pickering  
Peter Dowd MP

It was proposed by Lord de Mauley that Sir John be re-elected as Chair of the Group and this was approved.

All the Officers had agreed to stand again and Rob Roberts proposed that they be elected en bloc which was approved.

In addition, Baroness Garden proposed Lord de Mauley as an Officer and this was approved.

Sir John then reported on the activities of the Group over the past year and, in particular, the successful campaigning of Government for the deathcare sector during Covid. Policy changes included the increase of number of mourners at funerals and cremations and the wider provision of PPE for all those involved in the sector, 2 Adjournment Debates in Westminster Hall and a meeting with the FCA and the Economic Secretary to the Treasury regarding the collapse of Safe Hands.

Sir John then led a discussion on future topics for the Group which include a special meeting in July relating to funeral plans to following on from meetings with the FCA.

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Vice Chairs: Sir Robert Goodwill MP, Rosie Cooper MP, Gavin Robinson MP and Baroness Garden of Frognal  
Officers: Dame Diana Johnson MP, Mark Pawsey MP, Fleur Anderson MP and Baroness Ludford

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The timing of meetings was also discussed at some length, and it was agreed that meetings would now be held bi-monthly rather than monthly (which was essential during Covid) on the last Tuesday of every other month - when parliament is sitting - at 5pm. Details would be on the website.

Sir John thanked all attendees and closed the meeting at 5.40pm.

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