

# Minutes

## All Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer

### AGM

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 10:30am, Room M (Portcullis House)

**Attendees:**

John Baron MP  
Baroness Masham  
David Tredinnick MP  
Baroness Morgan  
Nic Dakin MP  
Baroness Finlay

**Other:**

Ben Yates, Parliamentary Researcher  
Amy MacConnachie, Secretariat  
Emily East, Secretariat  
Eve Byrne, Secretariat  
Moira Fraser, Secretariat  
Chris Carrigan, use MY data

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| 1. | <b>Welcome</b>   | 5 mins  |
| 2. | <p><b>Election of Chair, Officers and Treasurer</b></p> <p>John Baron stated his intention to step down as Chair of the group. He made it clear that he would like to remain an Officer of the group and will continue to be supportive of the group. John said he was happy to remain as Chair until a suitable new Chair is found, but would hope that this would be by the Summer.</p> <p>The following MPs/Peers were elected as Officers, and John Baron was re-elected Chair (nomination from David Tredinnick, seconded by Baroness Finlay) with no objections from the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Baron MP (Chair)</li> <li>• Nic Dakin MP (Vice Chair)</li> <li>• Albert Owen MP (Vice Chair)</li> <li>• Mark Pritchard MP (Vice Chair)</li> <li>• David Tredinnick MP (Vice Chair)</li> <li>• Ruth George MP (Vice Chair)</li> <li>• Baroness Morgan (Vice Chair)</li> <li>• Baroness Finlay (Vice Chair)</li> <li>• Baroness Masham (Vice Chair)</li> <li>• Baroness Walmsley (Vice Chair)</li> </ul> | 10 mins |

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|    | <p>It was agreed that the group should appoint a Treasurer. <b>Baroness Finlay</b> volunteered to be the Treasurer for the period of one year.</p> <p>The accounts will be prepared by the Secretariat, and Baroness Finlay will meet the Secretariat once a quarter to review the accounts, which will include Secretariat staff time spent on the group.</p>   |        |
| 3. | <p><b>Review of the last year.</b></p> <p>John highlighted the successes of the group over the year as well as some potential changes for the future. These included:</p> <p><b>APPGC inquiry report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John spoke of the report, which received over 80 written submissions and for which 2 oral evidence sessions were held and commented that the written submissions matched what was heard in the first oral evidence session. The focus of the report was on the cancer workforce and delays in transformation funding to Cancer Alliances because of the need for Alliances to show progress in the 62-day wait standard. John raised this at PMQs and will be meeting with the Prime Minister in March to discuss this issue.</li> <li>• John commented that the report was hard-hitting and held the Government to account, with the Minister having to answer questions about it.</li> <li>• John made it clear that the Chair and Officers take responsibility for the report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Summer Reception</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John spoke about the successful Summer Reception where the 20 most improved CCGs in regard to one-year survival rates were invited and praised. The group agreed that it was the <b>improvement</b> that mattered.</li> <li>• The group agreed that in the future, it should try and involve Cancer Alliances more. The Secretariat noted this and will ensure that Alliances are involved in this year's Summer Reception.</li> </ul> <p><b>Britain Against Cancer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group agreed that Britain Against Cancer 2017 was very successful.</li> <li>• John raised some concerns about breakout sessions which was echoed by other members of the group and the Secretariat said this was also in the feedback from delegates. It was agreed that there wouldn't be breakout sessions next year.</li> <li>• Baroness Finlay suggested instead of breakout sessions, that speakers were allowed 5 – 10 minutes on the stage, followed by questions. Speakers would have to submit their topic beforehand and a brief outline of what they would talk about. The group liked</li> </ul> | 20 min |

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|    | <p>this idea and also agreed that better audience engagement is needed. They agreed this would be considered in plans for Britain Against Cancer this year.</p> <p><b>Comments from Baroness Finlay:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baroness Finlay had to leave the meeting early and noted a couple of points before she left. She commented that the Secretariat and members of the stakeholder group should try and give the Officers advanced warning of any upcoming publications, reports or media so that Peers can table topical questions. She also commented that she wanted the group to focus more on prevention.</li> </ul>  |        |
| 4. | <p><b>Future plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The general focus for the year will continue to be on the Cancer Strategy, particularly because of the depth of evidence the group has from the Inquiry report. This Cancer Strategy will also be the focus of Britain Against Cancer.</li> <li>The group agreed to the work plan (at bottom of the minutes).</li> <li>Chris commented that with GDPR imminent, some focus on data would be appropriate. It was acknowledged that this was raised as an issue within the report.</li> <li>The group also raised the need to make sure rarer cancers were also fully represented by the APPGC. This will be considered in the work of the group going forward.</li> <li>The group also agreed that the APPGC should meet with other cancer APPGs to see where there is room for potential collaboration. The Secretariat will arrange this meeting.</li> <li>John raised the need to submit more questions for Oral Health Questions.</li> <li>The group also discussed putting it for more urgent and topical questions – the mechanism of achieving this was discussed later in new ways of working.</li> </ul> | 15 min |
| 5. | <p><b>Future methods of operating</b></p> <p>Whilst the group is very transparent, John raised the issue of greater scrutiny of charities and APPGs, and therefore how the group functions, particularly in relation to the Secretariat.</p> <p>Moira Fraser (Secretariat) explained this in further detail, stating that Macmillan staff time in providing the Secretariat was greater than what it was planned to be and that in providing the Secretariat, there were times when the work involved required resources beyond Macmillan's expertise (for example issues around prevention and research).</p>   | 10 min |

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|    | <p>The Secretariat stated they were keen to support the APPGC in being as ambitious as possible, in order to do this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Stakeholder Group will be opened up – some Stakeholders have expertise in areas that Macmillan don't and so the group would draw upon their expertise where necessary. The Secretariat will set up a meeting with the Stakeholder Group and will invite potential new stakeholders, and will discuss this new way of working with them. There will also be more opportunities throughout the year for the Stakeholder Group and stakeholders will be thanked publicly for any support they give to the APPGC. The group will also consider more collaborating with the Cancer Campaigning group (as well as other Cancer APPGs, as mentioned above).</li> <li>• Greater collaboration with the Stakeholder Group can also help ensure better preparation for urgent/topical questions, with relevant Stakeholders informing the APPGC Officers of upcoming media and/or reports.</li> <li>• In 2018, Britain Against Cancer will be project-managed by the Secretariat, but gaining sponsorship will be outsourced to an external company. After 2018, an external events team will run Britain Against Cancer. There will be tweaks to the format, including getting rid of breakout sessions so that BAC can be delivered within budget.</li> </ul> <p>The APPGC Officers agreed that these were sensible suggestions and were happy for the group to work under these new conditions.</p> |       |
| 6. | <p><b>Accounts</b></p> <p>David Tredinnick asked about the funding of the group and Britain Against Cancer.</p> <p>Amy MacConnachie explained that Secretariat staff time is a gift in kind from Macmillan. Britain Against Cancer and the Summer Reception were funded by money raised from the previous year's Britain Against Cancer (through delegate fees, exhibition stands and sponsorship). Following BAC 2017, we have £71k in the bank for 2018. This includes £10k contingency.</p> <p>We can book the Lecture Hall &amp; Library, where we would have the exhibition and lunch with 3 refreshment breaks for roughly £45k with VAT. Doesn't include extras like AV, publication of a programme or report.</p> <p>The APPGC can pay for a 'belts and braces' Britain Against Cancer and limited extra activities across the year.</p> <p>It was clear that Pharmaceutical companies that sponsored Britain Against Cancer in no way shaped the conference or influenced the group, and John has made a point of not meeting with these companies except to discuss general issues of interest to the cancer sector.</p>  | 5 min |

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| 7. | <p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>David Tredinnick raised the issue of complimentary therapies and that the group should look at this more. Amy, John and Baroness Morgan noted his point and said that this would be encompassed through work around the Recovery Package. They also stressed the importance insuring the implementation of the Cancer Strategy so that the system is working, in order to allow things such as complimentary therapies to then become a priority.</p> <p>Baroness Morgan raised that the group needs to focus more on prevention. This was noted and the group agreed that this was in-line with the work around the stakeholder group, where there was more cancer prevention expertise.</p> | 10 mins |
| 8. | <p><b>Points of action/Next steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat to arrange the next Stakeholder Meeting (and invite potential new stakeholders)</li> <li>• Secretariat to arrange a meeting with Chairs of other APPGs</li> <li>• John and Secretariat to discuss ways of working with the Cancer Campaigning Group and other groups.</li> <li>• Need to imbed a process for increasing numbers of Health Oral Questions tabled by group.</li> </ul>  | 5 min   |

### Agreed 2018 work plan

| Activity /objective February– December   | Output/<br>completed by   |
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| <p><b>APPGC AGM</b></p> <p>To review work-plan and sign off budget, a requirement by Parliamentary regulators of APPGC</p>   | <p>Room booked by Chairs office, logistics organised by Macmillan</p> <p>21 February</p>  |
| <p><b>Cancer Debate</b></p> <p>To highlight the APPGC report and call on the Government and NHSE to implement recommendations to ensure the Cancer Strategy is delivered on time</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macmillan to brief Chair and APPGC Officers.</li> <li>• Social media on day of debate</li> <li>• Stakeholder Group to highlight their key issues with MPs</li> </ul> |

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|   | February 22   |
| <p><b>Chair to meet Prime Minister</b></p> <p>To inform Prime Minister of the impact of withholding Transformation Funding on implementation of Cancer Strategy and call on PM to immediately decouple funding from the 62-day target</p>                   | <p>Macmillan to provide Chair with briefing</p> <p>Early March</p>  |
| <p><b>Meeting with Chairs of Cancer All Party Groups</b></p> <p>To update Chairs about the APPGC work-plan and identify possible events that the Group want to organise jointly</p>   | <p>Room booked by Chairs office, logistics organised by Macmillan</p> <p>Mid-March</p>  |
| <p><b>APPGC Stakeholder Group meeting</b></p> <p>To update Stakeholders about the agreed work-plan and propose new way of working with Group and changes to BAC, identify possible events that the Group want to organise under the banner of the APPGC</p> | <p>Room booked by Chairs office, logistics organised by Macmillan</p> <p>Mid-March</p>  |
| <p><b>APPGC Newsletter</b></p> <p>To provide update to of APPGC stakeholders on activities since BAC</p>  | <p>Macmillan to draft, design and distribute newsletter email</p> <p>Mid-March</p>  |
| <p><b>Health OPQs</b></p> <p>To table questions to further our understanding of what progress is being made on Cancer Strategy implementation</p>   | <p>Macmillan to coordinate questions from Stakeholder Group to distribute to MPs via Chairs office</p> <p>Throughout year</p>                                     |
| <p><b>Joint APPGC/Blood Cancer meeting</b></p> <p>To discuss new the opportunities and challenges of new CART treatment for blood cancer</p>  | <p>Blood Wise and Anthony Nolan to contribute on invites, planning and agenda</p> <p>Macmillan to invite its stakeholders and Officers to attend</p> <p>April</p> |

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| <p><b>APPGC meeting on funding the cancer workforce</b></p>  | <p>Possible event for collaboration with Stakeholders Group</p> <p>May tbc</p>   |
| <p><b>APPG on Cancer on benefits of the Recovery Package</b></p> <p>To highlight the benefits of identifying the holistic needs of people affected by cancer and commissioning accordingly, including examples alternative therapies</p>   | <p>Possible event for collaboration with Stakeholders Group</p> <p>June tbc</p>  |
| <p><b>APPGC Summer Reception</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To celebrate CCGs who have improved on their one-year survival</li> <li>➤ To enable Cancer Alliances to engage with the sector</li> <li>➤ To give NHSE and DH a platform to update sector on progress of Cancer Strategy</li> </ul> <p><b>TBC Contingent on getting a Sponsor to pay for the venue hire.</b></p> | <p>Possible event for collaboration with DH and NHSE</p> <p>July tbc</p>   |
| <p><b>APPGC Cancer Strategy Oral Evidence Session</b></p> <p>To review progress being made locally and Nationally on Cancer Strategy</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macmillan to organise two Oral Evidence sessions, one local and one national</li> <li>• Produce a short progress report</li> </ul> <p>October tbc</p> |
| <p><b>APPGC meeting on Data</b></p> <p>To highlight the challenges that Cancer Alliances have with delivering the local cancer strategy plans on current funding</p>   | <p>Possible event for collaboration with Stakeholders Group</p> <p>May tbc</p>   |
| <p><b>APPGC Officers meeting</b></p> <p>To discuss findings of oral evidence session and agree next steps for influencing on Cancer Strategy</p>   | <p>Room booked by Chairs Office and organised by Macmillan</p> <p>October/November</p>   |
| <p><b>APPGC Newsletter</b></p> <p>To provide update to of APPGC stakeholders on activities since BAC</p>   | <p>Macmillan to draft, design and distribute newsletter email</p> <p>November</p>  |

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| <p><b>APPGC Stakeholder Group meeting</b></p> <p>To discuss findings of oral evidence session and agree next steps for influencing on Cancer Strategy with Stakeholders, identify possible events /activities that the Group want to organise under the banner of the APPGC based on these findings</p> <p>To update on each other's work</p> | <p>Room booked by Chairs office, logistics organised by Macmillan</p> <p>November</p>  |
| <p><b>Cancer Debate</b></p> <p>To launch findings of progress report and call on Government to take relevant action</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macmillan to brief Chair and APPGC Officers.</li> <li>• Social media on day of debate</li> <li>• Stakeholder Group to highlight their key issues with MPs</li> </ul> <p>November/December</p> |
| <p><b>Britain Against Cancer</b></p> <p>TBC – Cancer Strategy implementation</p>  | <p>Delivered by Macmillan Strategic Events Team</p> <p>5 December 2018</p>   |