

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer (APPGC) - IGM

Minutes

Tuesday 02 December 2025, 2pm, Room P, Portcullis House, House of Commons.

Chaired by Navendu Mishra MP

Attendees:

- Clive Jones MP
- Josh Fenton-Glynn MP
- Carla Lockhart MP
- Baroness Morgan of Drefelin
- Josh Fenton-Glynn MP
- Patricia Ferguson MP
- Rachel Hopkins MP
- Chirstine Jardine MP
- Daniel Francis MP
- Sadik Al-Hassan MP
- Richard Quigley MP
- Jim Shannon MP
- Dr Simon Opher MP

Others:

- Molly Hutchinson (Office of Navendu Mishra MP)
- Bekki Smiddy (Macmillan Cancer Support, Secretariat)
- Mollie Ricketts (Macmillan Cancer Support, Secretariat)
- Ben Wallace (Office of Clive Jones MP)

Apologies:

- Grahame Morris MP
- Kim Johnson MP
- Alex Sobel MP
- Paula Barker MP

1. Introduction

Navendu Mishra MP welcomed attendees to the Inaugural General Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Cancer.

2. Election of Officers

The Chair proposed the motion to elect himself as Chair of the APPG on Cancer. The motion was approved.

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The Chair proposed the motion to elect Josh Fenton-Glynn MP as an Officer of the APPG on Cancer. The motion was approved.

The Chair proposed the motion to elect Baroness Coffey as an Officer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer. The motion was approved.

The Chair confirmed that all Parliamentarians presents would be elected as members of the APPG on Cancer.

The Chair proposed the motion that Macmillan Cancer Support be reappointed to provide the secretariat for the APPG on Cancer. The motion was approved.

3. Income and expenditure statement

The Chair presented a copy of the APPG on Cancer's Income and Expenditure Statement from May 2024. The Chair put forward to approve the Income and Expenditure Statement.

The Secretariat noted a small discrepancy of approximately £2,000 between the bank balance and the expenditure statement. It was stated that no transactions have occurred on the account since the APPG on Cancer ceased to exist following 4th May 2024 and the difference is therefore likely to be the result of interest accrued during this period. The Secretariat further noted that additional checks can be undertaken, if required, to confirm the precise cause of the discrepancy

The accounts were approved.

4. Discussion of APPG priorities

The Chair opened the discussion, noting that World Cancer Day is on 4th February and that the Government is expected to publish its updated cancer strategy around that time. Clarity on the publication date is being sought from DHSC.

Patricia Ferguson MP emphasised the importance of taking a UK-wide nations approach to the group's work. The Chair proposed to support this by producing APPGC Cancer Information Packs for England, Scotland and Wales. The Chair further suggested potentially developing constituency-level data. This could include information on access to treatment, variations in outcomes and postcode inequalities.

Baroness Morgan of Drefelin raised the importance of engaging with a diverse range of charities, patient groups and community organisations. Baroness Morgan recalled the Britain Against Cancer model, which successfully brought together national charities, patient advocates and a wide range of stakeholders. There was agreement that the APPGC should aim to replicate this inclusive approach.

Baroness Morgan of Drefelin also highlighted the challenges in reaching smaller or community-based groups that lack the funding or capacity to engage easily with parliamentary activity.

The Secretariat informed Members that the APPG on Cancer's Stakeholder Group is being reconstituted and has invited a diverse range of organisations, including groups which focus on Black health, LGBTQ+ cancer communities and less survivable cancers. It was also noted that further suggestions of organisations are welcome. A consolidated stakeholder list will be shared with Members in January, and the Stakeholder Group input will help inform briefings ahead of parliamentary debates and events.

The Chair outlined that the APPG on Cancer plans to hold a Parliamentary Reception to relaunch the group and mark the publication of the National Cancer Plan on 3rd March 2026. Wes Streeting MP and Ashley Dalton MP will be invited to speak.

Clive Jones MP informed Members that a meeting with the Chairs of cancer-related APPGs took place a couple of weeks ago. Seven Chairs potentially attended. Another meeting was potentially planned for before Christmas; however, it is more likely it will be moved to early January. The meeting was coordinated by Paulette Hamilton MP, Chair of the Less Survivable Cancers APPG and Black Health APPG. The Secretariat noted that the Chair of the APPG on Cancer has a meeting with Paulette and the relevant Secretariats next week to discuss opportunities for joint working.

The Chair outlined that the next event for the APPG on Cancer will take place in the last week of January, which will be a chance to pledge support ahead of World Cancer Day. Possible venues discussed include the hall in the Palace or the ground floor of Portcullis House. The group agreed to share details with members when bookings are confirmed.

The Chair also discussed the value of improving research and data available to MPs, including exploring options for constituency-level cancer information. This could help highlight persistent inequalities, such as variations in access to treatment and the continuing postcode lottery. Members agreed that tackling disparities affecting disabled people, LGBTQ+ communities, ethnic minorities, people experiencing homelessness and those in poverty should remain a core focus of the APPG's work programme, as these groups experience greater delays, poorer support and worse outcomes.

Clive Jones MP noted that he is Chair of the APPG on Breast Cancer and would welcome a discussion on joint events or discussions next year, especially where interests in health inequalities and cancer policy overlap. The Secretariat said they will follow up with Clive Jones MP's office to discuss.

5. Any Other Business

Baroness Morgan of Drefelin highlighted administrative, and compliance matters about where the funds from the APPG on Cancer originally came from.

The Secretariat noted that existing funds came from previous sponsorship rather than new sources, but that some of this may relate to pharma or health-sector companies. The Secretariat noted that existing funds came from previous sponsorship of Britain Against Cancer and other events rather than new sources, but that some of this may relate to pharma or health-sector companies.

The Secretariat reassured Members that they will ensure declarations are accurate and up to date, noting a bank transfer account for the APPG is in the process of being set up and all previous expenditure and income has been registered with the relevant Parliamentary bodies.

The Secretariat will check parliamentary records and the APPG Register to confirm that all appropriate information has been submitted.

The Chair closed the meeting.