



APPG for the Visitors' Economy AGM Minutes

**13 September 2016
Terrace Pavilion**

Present (parliamentarians):

Margaret Ritchie MP, Nigel Huddleston MP, Mark Williams MP, Tom Elliot MP, Virendra Sharma MP, Dr Philippa Whitford MP

Non Parliamentarians present:

Vernon Hunte - BHA, Sara Williams - Campaign to Cut Tourism VAT, Hannah Lane - Campaign to Cut Tourism VAT

Apologies:

Albert Owen MP, Caroline Lucas MP, Danny Kinahan MP, Hywel Williams MP, Angus MacNeil MP

1. Introduction from Secretariat

Margaret Ritchie welcomed the group to the second meeting of the APPG Visitors' Economy.

2. Election of officers

The following officers were re-elected:

Co-Chairs: Margaret Ritchie (SDLP) & Nigel Huddleston MP (Conservative)

Vice-Chairs: Albert Owen MP (Labour), Dr Philippa Whitford MP (SNP), Mark Williams MP (Liberal Democrat), Caroline Lucas MP (Green), Sammy Wilson MP (DUP), Danny Kinahan MP (UUP), Hywel Williams MP (Plaid Cymru)

3. Introduction of Officers & Proposed activity for 2016/2017

She highlighted that the APPG will continue to focus on enhancing the UK's local economy by promoting measures and incentives, one of which is a reduction of tourism VAT. The APPG will be launching a report into 'Apprenticeships and Skills in the Hospitality and Tourism Industry' in November and will conducted an inquiry into coastal communities for the next year.

4. Next meeting

Secretariat to circulate next meeting dates.