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**All-Party Parliamentary Group on Almshouses
AGM Minutes
Thursday 28th April 2022
Zoom
2pm-3pm**

Present – Siobhain McDonagh MP, Sally-Ann Hart MP, Sir John Hayes MP (represented by Conor Forster), Selaine Saxby MP, Tom Randall MP, Matt Vickers MP, Paul Howell MP, Daniel Ashcroft, Jack Baldan, Nick Phillips

Apologies – Baroness Bakewell, Lady Eaton

1. Welcome, introductions & apologies
 - a. Jack Baldan welcomed members to the AGM.
2. Election of Officers
 - a. Siobhain McDonagh MP and Sally-Ann Hart MP elected to continue as Chair and Vice Chair respectively
 - b. Sir John Hayes and Tom Randall also elected as Vice Chairs for the next year
3. Confirmation of The Almshouse Association to act as the Secretariat for the APPG
 - a. The Almshouse Association was elected to continue supplying Secretariat functions to the APPG
4. Discussion of work programme for 2022/23
 - a. Nick Phillips outlined the work that The Almshouse Association had undertaken over the last year. This included discussion of research conducted as well as the Association's 75th anniversary celebrations.
 - b. Sally-Ann Hart MP noted that the group and Almshouse Association might look to contribute to the work of the new Levelling-Up Committee of which she is Vice Chair. Also recognised the large increase in housing costs which almshouses can help tackle by offer genuinely affordable housing.
 - c. Siobhain McDonagh noted that almshouses play a different role to housing associations and that we should not look to remove this difference by looking to make almshouses become registered providers of social housing but to help liberate the potential of the charities. Mentioned need to make use of equity, land and good will offered by charities to expand the provision. Siobhain also noted that the group should look to invite Levelling-Up, Housing and Communities Secretary Michael Gove and Housing Minister Stuart Andrew to a future meeting to discuss how almshouses could help increase the provision of social housing.
 - d. Paul Howell asked for a meeting with The Almshouse Association to discuss the charities working in his constituency.