

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, 15th April 2021, 13:00 – 14:00 hrs.
Zoom Meeting

Attendees Carol Monaghan, MP; Stephen Metcalfe, MP; Douglas Chapman, MP; Christopher Green, MP; Margaret Ferrier, MP; Baroness Pauline Neville-Jones; Philippa Whitford, MP; Lord Sterling; Lord Wei; Simon Andrews, Fraunhofer UK; Anke Lohmann, AnchoredIn; James Regan, Effect Photonics, Jennifer O’Bryan, SPIE; John Lincoln, Photonics Leadership Group; Karin Burger, SPIE Europe

Apologies Anthony Mangnall, MP; Sally-Ann Hart, MP;

Minutes taken by: Karin Burger, SPIE Europe

Election of Group Officers: Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chairs

The following were elected into the above roles:

Chair:	Carol Monaghan, MP Glasgow North West, SNP
Co-Chair:	Anthony Mangnall, MP Totnes, Conservative
Secretary:	Douglas Chapman, MP, Dunfermline & West Fife, SNP
Treasurer:	Chris Green, MP Bolton West, Conservative
Vice Chair:	Margaret Ferrier, MP, Rutherglen and Hamilton West, Independent
Vice Chair:	Darren Jones, MP, Bristol North West, Labour
Vice Chairs:	Stephen Metcalfe, MP South Basildon and East Thurrock, Conservative
Vice Chair:	Baroness Pauline Neville-Jones, Life Peer, Conservative

Annual Budget

The APPG had no income and did not spend any money on its business.

Presentations

Attendees listened to the following presentations:

- Supporting the UK telecoms and 5G equipment industry: James Regan, CEO Effect Photonics, Exeter
- Quantum start-ups and new EU and UK funding hurdles: Anke Lohmann, Ancored In, London
- International comparison: support for photonics and quantum in the USA, the Photonics and Optics Caucus, Jennifer Douris O'Bryan, SPIE, Washington, D.C.

The presentations are available [for download](#).

The group discussed challenges and opportunities with companies representing the sector on opportunities and funding challenges around telecommunication and 5G diversification, the vibrant start-ups community. International comparisons on funding and support for photonics and quantum were introduced live from Washington D.C.

Draft Calendar of Events

- **“Challenges and pathways to scaling Photonics and Quantum Industries”** including observations and Q&A from capital investors, foreign investment recipients and quantum start-ups (June 2021, Virtual)
- **“Meet the Photonics, Quantum and Space Industry”** Parliamentarian visit and tour of Photonex 2021, 28 – 30 September 2021, SEC, Glasgow
- **“Innovation Strategy and its impact on the Photonics and Quantum industry”** (November 2021)
- **“Meet the Quantum pioneers”** Parliamentarian visit and tour of the Quantum Showcase, November EQII Centre, London (TBC)
- **“Showcasing the Photonics and Quantum Industry”**, Westminster, (February 2022)
- **“Horizon Europe funding 1-year on: is it working for UK photonics and quantum” + APPG AGM** (April 2022)
- **Supporting the UK lead in sensing, measurement and metrology** (June 2022 (TBC):

Cardiff, 15th April 2021