



# All-Party Parliamentary Group for Golf

## Inaugural Meeting

1600, 29 January 2020, Committee Room 8

## Minutes

### Present

Craig Tracey (in the Chair); Lord Moynihan; Karl McCartney MP; Lord McNicol; Wendy Chamberlain; Laurence Robertson MP; Lord Goddard of Stockport; Mark Ramsdale (MR Sport, Secretariat).

### 1. Election of Officers

The following were elected as Officers:

Role	Name	Party
Chair & Registered Contact	Craig Tracey	Conservative
Vice Chair	Baroness Nye	Labour
Vice Chair	Mr Laurence Robertson	Conservative
Vice Chair	Lord Moynihan	Conservative
Vice Chair	Gavin Newlands	Scottish National Party
Vice Chair	Dame Cheryl Gillan	Conservative
Vice Chair	Lord Robertson of Port Ellen	Labour
Vice Chair	Lord Lennie	Labour
Vice Chair	Wendy Chamberlain	Liberal Democrat
Vice Chair	Karl McCartney	Conservative
Vice Chair	Michael Tomlinson	Conservative
Vice Chair	Julian Knight	Conservative
Vice Chair	Lord Goddard of Stockport	Liberal Democrat
Vice Chair	Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson	Democratic Unionist Party
Vice Chair	Steve Brine	Conservative

### 2. Secretariat

MR Sport was re-appointed Secretariat.

### 3. Formation of Playing Committee

Karl McCartney MP was elected Chairman of a Playing Committee. All Members welcome; details will be sent out as soon as possible.

The Group would use games and other events to raise money for the Group's Charity – the ParGolf International Foundation.

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### 3. Structure, Objectives, Activities

The Chairman explained the structure of the Group, specifically that over the previous year it changed to focus on how best it could help the sport at strategic level, working closely with high-level industry bodies.

The first meeting with these stakeholder bodies is planned for 4 February, after which, a series of activities and objectives for the Group will be defined. All Members are welcome; details to follow.

All associate membership for individuals, clubs, etc has been removed. Open-house meetings with speakers for Members and anyone else will be held for to come and listen. These will be announced in due course.

### 4. Financing

Was discussed and agreed. The Group will prepare a finance statement between the Group in the previous Parliament and this Parliament, which will be attached to these minutes.

### 6. AOB

Members raised:

- Closure of courses
- Investigation of public courses
- Drive: golf charity. People who are non-players. Stand at the Open.
- Declining Numbers

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