



Unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the
All Party Parliamentary Group on Antibiotics held Wednesday 10 June 2015
Committee Room 11, House of Commons

Present:

Mr Zac Goldsmith, MP
Mr Kevin Barron, MP
Mr David Warburton, MP
Mr David Tredinnick, MP
Mr Adrian Bailey, MP
Baroness Masham of Ilton
Countess of Mar

In attendance:

Prof Laura JV Piddock, BSAC Chair in Public Engagement, Director, Antibiotic Action
Mr Luchi Farell, Antibiotic Action Intern

Apologies:

Lord Colwyn
Lord Trees
Baroness Lister of Burtersett

1. Introduction and welcome

Professor Laura Piddock welcomed all members to the Annual General Meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Antibiotics (APPG).

2. Minutes of meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 22 October 2014 were approved as a true record of proceedings.

3. Election of Officers

- a) **Chair and Registered Contact** Zac Goldsmith MP was nominated and accepted the role of Chair.
- b) **Vice-Chair** Kevin Barron MP agreed to continue as Vice-Chair.
- c) **Co-Chair** Countess of Mar was nominated and accepted the role of Co-Chair.
- d) **Secretary** Mr David Warburton MP was nominated and accepted the role of Secretary.

e) **Treasurer** Baroness Masham of Ilton was nominated and accepted the role of Treasurer.

4. Brief word from the new chair: Newly elected Chair Zac Goldsmith MP informed all:

He had a long-term interest in antibiotic use, particularly in animals. Consistent with this, the APPG would continue to explore all areas of antibiotic use, with the goal of this group to make responsible use of the antibiotics currently available while tackling issues of antimicrobial resistance.

DT asked what the remit of the group was and on behalf of the secretariat LJVP informed him and other new members that it is to: 'Raise the profile of antibiotic resistance, the need to preserve antibiotics through education on their appropriate use including non-human uses, the lack of new treatments for bacterial infections and to help accelerate efforts to discover, research and develop new treatments'.

5. Future meetings: The following meetings were proposed:

1. Progress of the O'Neill AMR Review –autumn meeting with attending speaker from the O'Neill group – preferably a Wednesday afternoon at 4.30pm. To arrange ASAP.
2. Funding for Antimicrobial research.
3. Antibiotics and impact upon malaria.
4. APPG on Sepsis patients with the All-Party on Malaria & Neglected Tropical Diseases.
5. APPG on alternative treatments and prevention of infection.

6. Reports for the APPG on Antibiotics:

The progress of the Non-human uses of antibiotics report produced by the Antibiotic Action 2013 and 2014 interns was **NOTED**: This report has now been submitted to PLOS Biology for publication. The document was finalised as a lay report and distributed to all members of the APPG-A in printed and electronic format. Members from HoL informed that they had not received a printed version. APPG-A secretariat to investigate and arrange for copies to be sent ASAP.

7. Discussion

A brief discussion was held after the election of new committee members:

- It was **NOTED** that The Fleming Fund is for overseas aid to enhance surveillance of antimicrobial resistance in low income countries.
- It was **NOTED** that the O'Neill AMR Review have suggested that Pharmaceutical companies should contribute towards development and funding of antibiotics.
- It was **AGREED** that the general public should be allowed to attend APPG-A meetings. The press will be allowed to attend certain meetings as agreed by the Chair and speakers of the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed.