

APPG on Geographically Protected Foods

AGM – 26.05.2021

In attendance

Alicia Kearns MP; Ruth Edwards MP; Lord Tyler M; Alistair Carmichael MP; Ben Lake MP; James Sunderland MP

Apologies

Deidre Brock MP; Fay Jones MP; Andrew Bowie MP; Lord McNicol; Craig Williams MP

Standing to be Officers

Chair: Alicia Kearns MP

Vice-Chair (in attendance): Ben Lake MP; Paul Lord Tyler; Alistair Carmichael MP; Ruth Edwards MP; James Sunderland

Vice-Chair (not in attendance, but have requested in writing to be elected): Deidre Brock MP; Fay Jones MP; Andrew Bowie MP; Iain Lord McNicol

1. Election

All the above were unanimously elected.

2. Report on Finances

Nothing to report. No income or expenditures were made on behalf of the APPG.

3. Address from civil servants, Defra

The APPG heard from civil servants from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. As his remarks are not cleared for publication, detailed minutes were not kept, but the following subjects were raised:

- The UK's approach to identifying and protecting GIs
- How the UK categorises different forms of protection
- How the UK's approach differs from other jurisdictions
- The specific requirements for protecting GIs in Northern Ireland
- Future plans for the UK GI scheme for names in trade deals.