

**Minutes of AGM and meeting of Cross Party Group on Rural Growth
16th February 2022 12 noon.**

Attendees

MS

James Evans
Russ George
Mark Isherwood
Tom Gifford
Samuel Kurtz
Llyr Gruffydd

Support Staff

Dan Rose (Office of Carolyn Thomas)
Rhys Taylor (Office of Jane Dodds)
Rhys Thomas (Welsh Conservative Group Office)
Aled Hughes (Office of Cefin Campbell)
Mike Bryan (Office of Sam Kurtz)
James Wallice (Office of Sam Kurtz)

Outside organisations

Robert Dangerfield CLA
Nigel Hollett – CLA
Kate Rees – National Trust Cymru
Liz Smith – Wales Environment Link

Apologies

Laura Jones MS
Cefin Campbell MS
Carolyn Thomas MS
Jane Dodds MS

The election of Chairman was held and Samuel Kurtz MS was elected.

The nomination of a secretariat was held and the Country Land & Business Association (CLA Cymru) agreed to undertake the role

Samuel Kurtz welcomed attendees to the meeting, explained the role of the Cross Party Group and explained the rules that it would operate under.

Attendees were invited to introduce themselves and the areas and organisations that they represented.

A brief discussion was held amongst those present to establish what their interest were in relation to the groups work and to agree the Mission Statement *“The Funding of Agriculture and the growth of the Rural Economy post Covid and post EU departure.”*:-

- Agriculture and supply chain
- Connectivity
- Planning regime and its role in responsible residential and business development

- Rural housing and social development
- Rural environment/community's role in achieving net zero and air quality goals
- Rural physical landscape and its' impact on the community (flooding etc)

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in person towards the end of May and a meeting of the group would be held at the Royal Welsh Show.

The meeting closed at 12:30