

National Assembly for Wales
Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology

Annual General Meeting

6.30pm, Tuesday 5th November, 2013, Conference Room 21, Ty Hywel

MINUTES

Present: David Rees AM (in the chair); Simon Thomas AM, Keith Davies AM. Julie James AM, Jenny Rathbone AM, and 16 external members.

Welcome

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, including Wendy Sadler, Director, Science Made Simple, who joined the Group this evening.

New Rules on Lobbying and Cross-Party Groups

These were outlined by the Chair.

Election of the Chair of the Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology

David Rees AM was elected.

Election of three Vice-Chairs of the Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology

Eluned Parrot AM, Nick Ramsay AM and Simon Thomas AM were elected as Vice Chairs.

Election of the Secretary of the Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology

Leigh Jeffes, of the Royal Society of Chemistry, was elected as Secretary of the Group.

Apologies for absence

Were received from Eluned Parrott AM, Nick Ramsay AM and Dr Geertje van Keulen.

Minutes of the meeting held 5th March 2013

These were approved and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Science and the Assembly 2013

Leigh Jeffes gave a brief report on this successful event held on 21st May. There was a capacity exhibition and attendance, and a series of excellent presentations on the theme of Innovation as a Driver of Growth in the Wels Economy. He thanked the sponsoring AMs, speakers and participating organisations.

Topics for meetings in 2014

Members were asked to send in ideas to Leigh for next year's meetings. Prof Chris McGuigan is speaking on the subject of life sciences in March.

Welsh Government ICT Steering Group Review of the ICT Curriculum – Dr Tom Crick

The Steering Group published its Report in October. Dr Tom Crick, a member of the Steering Group briefly outlined its main findings, and twelve clear recommendations.

Presentation by Professor Manu Haddad: "University-Industry Partnerships and their benefits"

Prof Haddad to delivered his presentation, and took questions. The Chair thanked Professor Haddad. Slides of the presentation will be made available.

Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Meeting Dates in 2014

Tuesday 18th March

Tuesday 8th July

Tuesday 4th November

Close of meeting

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.45pm.