

# Cross-Party Group Minutes

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## Meeting Minutes:

<b>Cross Party Group Title:</b>	Tourism
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July, 2021
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom

## In attendance:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Title:</b>
Sam Rowlands (SR)	MS for North Wales
Mark Isherwood (MI)	MS for North Wales
Llyr Gruffydd (LG)	MS for North Wales
Rhys ab Owen (RO)	MS for South Wales Central
Tom Giffard (TG)	MS for South Wales West
Darren Millar (DM)	MS for Clwyd West
Sam Kurtz (SK)	MS for Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Zak Weaver (ZW)	Support Staff to Sam Rowlands MS
Curtis Shea (CS)	Support Staff to Darren Millar MS
Rebeckah Fudge (RF)	Support Staff to Tom Giffard MS
Brody Anderson (BA)	Support Staff to Jayne Bryant MS
Andrew Campbell (AC)	Chairman of Wales Tourism Alliance
Adrian Greason-Walker (AGW)	Policy Advocate, Wales Tourism Alliance

## Apologies:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Title:</b>
Janet Finch-Saunders	MS for Aberconwy
Ken Skates	MS for Clwyd South

## Summary of Meeting:

- SR welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Suzy Davies for her previous Chairmanship.
- DM proposed SR to be the Chairman of the CPG, SK seconded this. SR was elected as the Chairman.
- SR proposed the WTA to be the Secretariat to the Group, this was agreed unanimously.
- The Group's Statement of Intent, which was circulated to all before the meeting, was unanimously agreed.
- AGW from the WTA gave a brief introduction about the WTA, its aims and objectives. These were contacting those businesses that are not in contact with the tourism industry, create fair regulation and taxation for the industry, and give feedback to the Welsh Government and Senedd Members on tourism issues.
- AGW also expressed his praise to SR for creating this CPG, and he looked forward to more meetings in the future, with more members of the WTA in attendance.
- AC endorsed SR's comments regarding Suzy Davies' Chairmanship of the Group. He stated the main hot topics he saw in the industry are the proposed tourism tax, second homes, tourism registration, staff shortages, transport, and making tourism sustainable all year round.
- SR asked if any Members had any comments. MI stated that he'd been contacted by many Tourism businesses, and stated that they need to be heard.
- MI also raised the paper produced by the North Wales Tourism which highlighted issues around tourism and non-domestic business rates and may be useful for future discussions. AGR and AC were in agreement with MI and supported the paper.
- SR thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said he looked forward to a more substantial meeting in September.

\*SR noted that Jane Dodds MS, Jayne Bryant MS, James Evans MS, Heledd Fychan MS and Buffy Williams MS expressed they wished to join the CPG.