

# **CYNULLIAD CENEDLAETHOL CYMRU : NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES**

## **GRWP GROES BLEIDIOL AR GWRW A'R DAFARN**

### **CROSS PARTY GROUP ON BEER AND THE PUB**

**The meeting was a Special Annual General Meeting, following the resignation of the previous Chair as an AM.**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Dining Room 2, Tŷ Hywel

**Attending:** Gareth Bennett AM; Chris Charters (Wales Director, CAMRA); Andrew RT Davies AM; Paul Edgeworth (Campaigns Manager – Wales; CAMRA); Vikki Howells AM; Mark Isherwood AM; John Pockett; Jack Sargeant AM; Nick Ramsay AM; Bethan Sayed AM

**Apologies:** Neil Hamilton AM; Helen Mary Jones AM

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Mark Isherwood welcomed everyone and chaired the first part of the meeting.

**2. Minutes from the last AGM (22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018) were approved.**

**3. Election of Group officers**

Jack Sargeant was nominated to chair the Group. Proposed: Nick Ramsay, seconded: Rhiannon Passmore. There were no other nominations.

John Pockett was nominated to provide the secretariat. Proposed: Alun Davies, seconded: Bethan Sayed. There were no other nominations.

**4. There was a brief discussion about subjects that the CPG would like to concentrate on. These included:**

- Planning protections for pubs (including 'Asset of Community Value' status)
- Business rates
- Community ownership & the role of pubs in providing community services
- Loneliness, social isolation and the role of pubs in mental health
- Challenges & opportunities in the industry, including food and diversification for the pubs sector
- Following a suggestion from Chris Charters it was agreed that Welsh cider and cider producers would be included in the Group's work, as well as beer, brewing and pubs.

**5. Future work, meetings and events of the CPG**

It was agreed that the Chair would put together a suggested itinerary of future meetings and events for the rest of the year and report back to the Group. The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed following the meeting between the chair and secretary. The secretary will notify members of the next meeting when arrangements have been made.

**6. AOB**

No other business was raised

**7 The meeting closed at 1845.**