

HOUSE OF COMMONS

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All Party Parliamentary Corporate Governance Group

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MONDAY 8TH MARCH 2021 AT 12 NOON VIA ZOOM - MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Mark Garnier MP – Chair

Baroness Bowles – Officer

Stephen Timms MP – Officer

Kirsty Blackman MP – Officer

Baroness Wheatcroft

Baroness Gardner

Jonathan Djanogly MP

Bob Blackman MP

Lord Haskell

**Opened at 12.00pm**

1. Mark Garnier, Chair welcomed all members and paid tribute to the Group’s President, Lord Gordon of Strathblane who sadly died during 2020 of Coronavirus
2. **Apologies were received from:**

Lord Flight, Baroness McIntosh and Lord McNally

1. **AGM 2020 minutes**

These were approved

1. **Election of Officers**

Baroness Gardner proposed the election of officers en bloc and this was seconded by Bob Blackman MP

Mark Garnier MP (Chair)

Kirsty Blackman MP

Stephen Timms MP

Baroness Bowles

Baroness Wheatcroft

This was approved

1. **Statement of accounts**

The Chair presented the Statement of Accounts which he said were healthy

He noted the 45k for the Edinburgh business school research which had been very successful and was submitted to the Secretary of State at BEIS.

The accounts were approved

1. **Report on 2020**

The Chair reported that although it had been a difficult year, the Group had continued with its events and held 2 in Parliament and 3 virtual events online

He noted that as no physical events had taken place since March, the Group had not asked for sponsorship in 2020. This will only resume when the Group can return to Parliament for the meetings

The Group had produced a report through the University of Edinburgh Business School – Factors influencing the decline in the number of public companies in the UK. It was a very good report which had been well received and had been submitted to Lord Hill for his consultation.

The next event is on April 21st when Lord Callanan will speak on the forthcoming BEIS consultation on corporate governance.

The Chair will write to MPs to encourage support for the Group

1. **AOB**
   1. **Return to Parliamentary meetings**

It will be some time before going back to Parliament as the House of Commons is not taking bookings until October.

Kirsty Blackman MP said corporate governance will be part of her focus over the next year so she will be attending more events in the time. Mark Garnier MP proposed that Kirsty chair the proposed inquiry on the BEIS consultation and this will be discussed further by the Officers

* 1. **Hill Report**

Jonathan Djanogly MP emphasized the importance of this report for the group and it was agreed that a Group meeting should take place to discuss the report and decide on any further action

The Chair thanked the Secretariat for their diligent work during the year and this was echoed by members.

The meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

Chair – Mark Garnier MP

Officers: Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted, Kirsty Blackman MP, Stephen Timms MP, Baroness Wheatcroft

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