



All Party Parliamentary Group on Shale Gas Regulation & Planning

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN ROOM S, PORTCULLIS HOUSE ON 24 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 10.00AM

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Martyn Day MP	Linlithgow and East Falkirk
	Tom Elliott MP	Fermanagh and South Tyrone
	Graham Evans MP	Weaver Vale
	Kevin Hollinrake MP	Thirsk & Malton
	Mark Menzies MP	Fylde
	Tommy Sheppard MP	Edinburgh East
	Julian Sturdy MP	York Outer
	Lord Truscott	

<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Benjamin Collins	Office of Kevin Hollinrake MP
	Roz Currie	Office of Tommy Sheppard
	Nigel Knapton	Office of Kevin Hollinrake MP
	Robin Kunst	Office of Baroness Featherstone
	Simon Marlow	United Kingdom Onshore Oil and Gas
	Joseph Tetlow	Office of Neil Parish MP

16/1 **WELCOME BY KEVIN HOLLINRAKE MP**

Kevin Hollinrake MP welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He then clarified the aims of the group in that it was not to discuss the pros and cons of Shale Gas extraction but to recommend appropriate regulation and planning regimes should Shale Gas extraction take place.

16/2 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following officers were unanimously elected to the group:-

Chair	Kevin Hollinrake MP	Conservative
Vice-Chair	Mark Menzies MP	Conservative
Vice Chair	Lord Truscott	Independent Labour
Vice-Chair	Martyn Day MP	Scottish National Party
Vice-Chair	Tommy Sheppard MP	Scottish National Party
Secretary	Graham Evans MP	Conservative
Treasurer	Julian Sturdy MP	Conservative

16/3 **PROVISION OF SECRETARIAT**

It was agreed that Kevin Hollinrake MP's office would provide the Secretariat services in their free time as no sponsorship would be received from any outside bodies.

16/4 **FUTURE WORK PLAN**

The following areas to be investigated by the group were suggested and agreed:-

- Possible water contamination
- Potential earthquakes
- Economic viability
- The function and remit of OUGO
- The role of the Planning Inspectorate
- Density of sites
- Community benefits and how they would be paid
- Medical concerns
- The provision of independent research to the public

It was also agreed that Andrea Leadsom MP, Minister of State (Department of Energy and Climate Change) and Brandon Lewis MP, Minister of State (Communities and Local Government) would be invited to attend the next meeting to give evidence.

16/5 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 20 April 2016 at 9.30am.

The meeting closed at 10.32am