

**AGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Democracy and Human Rights in the
Gulf**

Thursday 23rd March, 2023, (10:30-10:53 AM)

Portcullis House, Room S

Attendance of APPG Members

Sir Peter Bottomley MP

Brendan O'Hara MP

Lord Scriven

Alan Brown MP

John McNally MP

Attendance of NGOs Representatives

Sayed Ahmed Alwadaei, Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy (BIRD)

Alex Carlen, BIRD

Zaki Sarraf, Reprieve

Follow-up action

Brendan agreed to file an Early Day Motion on the subject of the ongoing imprisonment of leading political activists in Bahrain on the 12th anniversary of their arrest.

Minutes of the AGM

Item 1: Elections of Officers

Brendan O'Hara MP welcomes attendees and thanks them for their work on the APPG over the past year. Brendan placed on record his thank you to the former secretariat of the APPG, BIRD staffer Josie Thum for her exceptional work in raising the profile of the group. Brendan explained since he has become Chief Whip for his party he no longer has the capacity to remain as chair.

Sir Peter Bottomley agreed to take over as Chair announced following Brendan's stepping down from the position.

Lord Scriven thanked Brendan O'Hara for his outstanding work and leadership to raise the profile of the topic. Lord Scriven emphasised Brendan's role in the publishing of the report on the Gulf Strategy fund and his work on important campaigns such as Formula One and the Bahrain Grand Prix.

Elections were held for the new chair, vice-chairs, officers, and members.

Unanimous vote in favour of the following positions:

Chair	Sir Peter Bottomley	Conservative
Treasurer	Martyn Day	Scottish National Party
Vice-Chair	Brendan O'Hara Lord Scriven Alistair Carmichael Wayne David Andy Slaughter Andrew Gwynne, Baroness Stern Navendu Mishra John McDonnell Chris Law Alan Brown	Scottish National Party Liberal Democrats Liberal Democrats Labour Labour Labour Crossbench Labour Labour Scottish National Party Scottish National Party
Officers	Baroness Bennett Claudia Webbe Kenny MacAskill Caroline Lucas	Green Party Independent Alba Party Green Party

Members	Lord Collins	Labour
	Tony Lloyd	Labour
	John McNally	Scottish National Party

Item 2: Future meetings

The group agreed to hold their next meeting within 6 weeks, where the future strategic agenda of the group will be discussed and NGO Reprieve will be invited to provide a briefing.

The group declared that there have been no registrable benefits received.