

Emergency General Meeting (EGM)
All-Party Parliamentary Group on Democracy and Human Rights in the Gulf

Wednesday 13th March, 2024, (10-10:15 AM)
Westminster Hall, Room W3

Attendance of APPG members

Sir Peter Bottomley MP
The Lord Scriven
Kenny MacAskill MP
Martyn Day MP
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle
Andy Slaughter MP

Attendance of Secretariat and NGO Representatives

Lottie Casey, representing the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy (BIRD) as the Secretariat of the APPG and Insiya Raja, Communications and Advocacy Associate, BIRD. Insiya Raja, Communications and Advocacy Associate at the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy (BIRD) was also in attendance.

Summary

The meeting was held to elect the officers, members, and chairperson of the APPG on Democracy and Human Rights in the Gulf. The list of members and officers was unanimously agreed on.

Minutes

Item I: Election of officers

The secretariat introduced the agenda, which was the election and the roles and officers were agreed over correspondence. It checked that there were no objections to the list of members and officers, and there were none, with all the members present in the room satisfied with the outcome.

Elections were held for the chair, vice-chairs, officers, and members. Unanimous vote in favour of the following positions:

Chair	Sir Peter Bottomley MP	Conservative
Vice-Chairs	The Lord Scriven Zarah Sultana MP	Liberal Democrat Labour

	Brendan O'Hara MP	Scottish National Party
Members	Alan Brown MP	Scottish National Party
	Alison Thewliss MP	Scottish National Party
	Alistair Carmichael MP	Liberal Democrat
	Andy Slaughter MP	Labour
	Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle	Green Party
	The Baroness Brinton	Liberal Democrat
	The Baroness Stern CBE	Crossbench
	Caroline Lucas MP	Green Party
	Claudia Webbe MP	Independent
	Chris Law MP	Scottish National Party
	Hywel Williams MP	Plaid Cymru
	John McDonnell MP	Labour
	Kenny MacAskill MP	Alba Party
	The Lord Collins of Highbury	Labour
	Lord Oates	Liberal Democrat

	The Lord Rennard MBE	Liberal Democrat
	The Lord Strasburger	Liberal Democrat
	Martyn Day MP	Scottish National Party
	Wayne David MP	Labour