



# All Party Parliamentary Group for the Wood Panel Industry

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## Inaugural Meeting Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 3:00pm Minutes

### **Attendees:-**

#### Industry Attendees:

Alastair Kerr	Director General, Wood Panel Industries Federation
Steve Roebuck	Director for Environment, Health and Safety, Norbord
Chris Emery	Timber Procurement Executive, Kronospan
Heiko Lichtblau	Plant Director Technical/ Production, EGGER (UK)
John Paterson	Manager, EGGER (UK)
Mark Cummings	Invicta Public Affairs
Ross Stephen	Invicta Public Affairs
Stephen Kerr	Chair, Expert Working Group for the Wood Panel Industry
Brian Wilson	Member of the Expert Working Group for the Wood Panel Industry

#### Members of Parliament in Attendance:

Selaine Saxby MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for North Devon
Megan Williams	Office of Selaine Saxby MP (Con, North Devon)
Gareth Bacon MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for Bexley and Bromley
Simon Baynes MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for Clwyd South
Lord Ian Duncan	
Allan Dorans MP	SNP Member of Parliament for Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock
Jo Gideon MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for Stoke on Trent Central
Fay Jones MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for Brecon and Radnorshire
Damien Moore MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for Southport
David Mundell MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for Dumfriesshire and Tweeddale
Ian Murray MP	Labour Member of Parliament for Edinburgh South
Mark Pawsey MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for Rugby
Mary Robinson MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for Cheadle
Julian Sturdy MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for York Outer
Lord Jim Wallace	
Giles Watling MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for Clacton
Heather Wheeler MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for South Derbyshire
William Wragg MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for Hazel Grove

#### Apologies:

Lord Foulkes of Cumnock	
Drew Hendry MP	SNP Member of Parliament for Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey
Neil Parish MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for Tiverton and Honiton
Stephen Crabb MP	Conservative Member of Parliament for Preseli Pembrokeshire

Minutes:

**Stephen Kerr:** Opened the meeting on behalf of the wood panel industry and thanked all for attending virtually.

*Election*

**Stephen Kerr:** Led the election of the following office bearers:

- Selaine Saxby MP Proposed by Mark Pawsey MP; Seconded by Heather Wheeler MP
- All Vice-Chairs Proposed by Giles Watling MP; Seconded by Mary Robinson MP

The following office bearers were duly elected:

<b>Chair</b>	Selaine Saxby MP (Chair)	Conservative (North Devon)
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Mark Jenkinson MP (Vice Chair)	Conservative (Workington)
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Fay Jones MP (Vice Chair)	Conservative (Brecon and Radnorshire)
<b>*Vice Chair</b>	Neil Parish MP (Vice Chair)	Conservative (Tiverton and Honiton)
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Ian Murray MP (Vice Chair)	Labour (Edinburgh South)
<b>*Vice Chair</b>	Alan Brown MP (Vice Chair)	SNP (Kilmarnock and Loudoun)
<b>*Vice Chair</b>	Jim Shannon MP (Vice Chair)	DUP (Strangford)
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Lord Wallace of Tankerness (Vice Chair)	Liberal Democrat
<b>*Vice Chair</b>	Ben Lake (Vice Chair)	Plaid Cymru (Ceredigion)

\*Elected with consent in absentia.

**Stephen Kerr:** Confirmed all those in attendance as registered supporters of the APPG for the Wood Panel Industry.

**Selaine Saxby MP:** Addressed the APPG for the Wood Panel Industry and thanked all for their support. Ms Saxby confirmed that we will come forward with a programme of raising the profile of the industry from September 2020 now.

**Mark Cummings:** Provided an update on the Expert Working Group for the Wood Panel Industry and secured a unanimous mandate asking the Expert Working Group to refresh their 2019 Policy and Baseline Report. It was agreed that the APPG for the Wood Panel Industry will meet in September to consider and approve the Report. Thereafter, a date will be set for the Report to be launched.

**Selaine Saxby MP:** Asked attendees whether there was any further business and thereafter, closed the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: September 2020