



**Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety
(an All-Party Parliamentary Group)
AGM and Election of Officers
Held on Wednesday, 10th June 2015 at 2pm
Room Q, Portcullis House**

Minutes

Present

Members: Sir Peter Bottomley MP, Jim Fitzpatrick MP, Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb, Barry Sheerman MP and Viscount Simon

Non-voting Associates: David Davies (Executive Director, PACTS), Lucy Amos (PACTS), Adam Coffman (Cycling APPG), Katy Harrison (for Susan Elan Jones MP) and Anthony (shadowing Jim Fitzpatrick MP)

Apologies

Ben Bradshaw MP, Steve Brine MP, Richard Burden MP, Louise Ellman MP, Meg Hillier MP and Susan Elan Jones MP

In the Chair: Jim Fitzpatrick MP

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members and noted apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held on 17th October 2014 were accepted as a true record. David Davies reported that the name and constitution of the Group had been amended but the separation of the APPG from the charity had proved unnecessary following further guidance from the Standards Committee. Other matters arising were covered elsewhere in the agenda.

3. Election of Parliamentary Officers for the year 2015/16.

Parliamentary officers for the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (an All-Party Parliamentary Group) (PACTS) were elected unanimously as follows:

- Chair Barry Sheerman MP (Labour & Co-operative)
- Vice-Chairs Sir Peter Bottomley MP (Conservative)
 - Jim Fitzpatrick MP (Labour)
 - Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb (Green)
- Vice-Chairman The Viscount Simon (Labour)

Under the rules for All-Party Parliamentary Groups in the May 2015 Parliament, the Chair is also the Registered Contact for Group.

Barry Sheerman MP took the Chair

4. Qualifying members of PACTS.

David Davies reported that “qualifying members” are no longer required for APPGs. It was agreed that, in addition to the above officers, it would be desirable to have a list of Members prepared to be named as supporters of PACTS. **(Action: David Davies.)**

5. Review of activities for 2014/15

David Davies highlighted some of the activities from the year 2014/15, which were designed to engage Parliamentarians:

- The inquiry and report *UK Transport Safety: Who is responsible?* by the Transport Safety Commission which included MPs Sir Peter Bottomley, Julian Huppert and Barry Sheerman;
- Publication of the *Constituency Road Safety Dashboard* – circulated to all MPs.
- Engagement with road safety ministers Robert Goodwill MP and (May 2015) Andrew Jones MP.

Barry Sheerman drew attention to the successful recent *Women and Alcohol* event which launched a report on the increase in drink-driving among women.

6. The year ahead

Sir Peter Bottomley recommended that the road safety minister be invited about to talk at a future PACTS events in Parliament about what has worked in road safety. He also recommended separate meetings, led by independent experts, on rail and aviation safety. It was agreed that these be arranged. **(Action: David Davies.)**

David Davies drew attention to the following events which were already arranged:

- 7th July, 2pm, Room T, PCH: PACTS Air Safety Group. Presentation on drone safety and opportunity to discuss other topical aviation safety issues with aviation sector experts.
- 5th November 2015, 2.30pm, Portcullis House. PACTS Members meeting on DfT road safety strategy. A senior DfT road safety official has confirmed attendance. PACTS will now invite the road safety minister (as above).
- 7th December, 6.30pm, Terrace Pavilion. 26th Westminster Lecture on Transport Safety by CEO Samaritans: Suicide in transport (air, rail and road).

Members agreed that they wanted PACTS and transport safety to have a high profile in Parliament. This might be achieved by:

- sending the Dashboard to all new MPs, with specific information about their constituency;
- award(s) based on the dashboard, perhaps presented at the Westminster Lecture as Direct Line sponsors both;
- a Westminster Hall debate on road safety and regular Transport Questions.

Barry Sheerman said he was keen to involve new/younger Members and also young transport safety researchers in universities. A comparative analysis of casualty reduction in Scotland and England was also recommended. **(Action: David Davies.)**

7. Finances

Sir Peter Bottomley inquired about PACTS finances. David Davies reported that incomes had increased in the past two years, and PACTS had achieved small surpluses instead of deficits. The accounts for 2014/15 were being finalised that week and would be reported to the PACTS Board and Members meetings on 9th July. All income was reported regularly to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, as required by the House, and accounts are filed with the Charities Commission and Companies House.

8. Date of the next AGM

Date to be advised.

There being no other business, the Chair declared the meeting closed.