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All Party Parliamentary Group on Conservation, People and Places monthly meeting

October 9th 2020, 2.00pm

Present: Earl of Devon, James Grundy MP, Andrew Gwynne MP, Layla Moran MP, Alex Sobel MP, Lord Storey

Apologies for absence: Deirdre Brock MP, Caroline Lucas MP

Agenda

1. Minutes of inaugural meeting to be agreed

Minutes agreed

2. Approve draft terms for inaugural APPG inquiry (see attachment)

Terms of reference agreed and to be circulated following production of communications plan, draft of which is to be prepared and circulated.

3. Discuss progress on APPG website

IHBC reported that the mock-up of website had been produced and populated website with content from APPG applications. Also agreed to prepare branding materials for APPG website and all correspondence and to identify domain name for APPG Twitter account)

4. Short discussion on proposals for 'one off' sessions

Meeting agreed to hold two one off sessions before the Christmas break, a briefing for Parliamentarians on implications of Planning White Paper for heritage and place (DB agreed to draw up invitation list of speakers with input from IHBC) to take place following recess in the first week of November and then a further public meeting on contentious heritage in the light of the Black Lives Matter movement.

AG stressed the importance of ensuring that interests of heritage, conservation and sense of place are factored into the government's planning proposals, which must factor in a sense of place and story of how they have got where they are. JG said that MPs from throughout England should have an interest in this issue. Given how heritage is the 'common story' of communities, LM said that it offered an opportunity to address in a non-adversarial way the government's planning reforms, which are otherwise likely to be highly controversial in Parliament.

The meeting also agreed to hold a public 'town hall' meeting on treatment of contentious heritage to take place in final week of November (DB to arrange with input from IHBC)

5. Matters arising

None reported

6. Date and time of next meeting

Group agreed that next meeting should be early November to tie in with the proposed Planning White Paper briefing.

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