

APPG on Community Transport

12 March 2018, Portcullis House, Westminster

Attendees

Robert Courts MP, Conservative
Lillian Greenwood MP, Labour
Bill Grant MP, Conservative
Maggie Throup MP, Conservative
Crispin Blunt MP, Conservative
Baroness Randerson, Liberal Democrat

Bill Freeman, Community Transport Association (CTA), Chief Executive
Charlotte Hughes, Community Transport Association (CTA), Director for External Relations
Kira Cox, Community Transport Association (CTA), Project Manager

Minutes

Robert Courts was elected Chair.
Lillian Greenwood was elected officer.
Maggie Throup was elected secretary.
Bill Grant was elected treasurer.
It was agreed that the secretariat would be provided by the Community Transport Association.

Robert Courts opened the first meeting and thanked the other MPs for attending, he explained he has been working with the Community Transport Association and is in contact with two Community Transport operators within his constituency.

The APPG has two main thoughts for its purpose:

- Raise awareness of Community Transport as a cross-party group
- Promote the solutions Community Transport can provide to wider societal issues

APPG members discussed how currently Community Transport is being highlighted to ministers due to the ongoing Department for Transport consultation, but it was important that this issue did not dominate the work of the APPG and the group should focus on the positives and outcomes of the work of the sector.

All attendees felt it was important to highlight how Community Transport can provide solutions for cross-departmental issues such as health and well-being including loneliness.

It was noted that some members of the group have been trying to call for a Westminster Hall debate on Community Transport, Robert Courts said as Chair he will continue to push for this to happen. Maggie Throup held a debate on Community Transport in 2015, which lasted for 90 mins and drew cross party support.

- Date for next meeting for next meeting to be confirmed.
- Briefing note from the CTA was circulated before the meeting