

## Minutes:

### **All Party Parliamentary Group on Conservation, Places and People inaugural meeting**

Date: 10 Sept 2020 (2.00pm) on Microsoft Teams

Present: Earl of Devon,  
Helen Hayes MP, Paul Howell MP, Layla Moran MP, Lord Kerslake

Apologies for absence: Deirdre Brock MP, James Grundy MP, Caroline Lucas MP,  
Alex Sobel MP

#### **1. APPG establishment**

The meeting formally established the All Party Parliamentary Group on Conservation, Places and People and elected the following officers: Layla Moran as chair and, Paul Howell MP, Lord Kerslake and Alex Sobel MP as vice-chairs.

The meeting also agreed that the APPG will meet on a monthly basis

#### **2. Work of the APPG**

The meeting discussed topics for the APPG to explore.

The Earl of Devon spoke about the need for an improved Parliamentary debate about contentious heritage in the light of the Black Lives Matters (BLM) movement and the importance of the interface between rural and urban heritage; Helen Hayes said it may be worthwhile to explore the implications of the MHCLG's Planning White Paper for the quality of development, Lord Kerslake expressed interest in the APPG examining the interaction between efforts to promote conservation and regeneration of historic areas and the government's wider 'levelling up' regional agenda; Layla Moran spoke about how efforts to move to net zero emissions is creating "false tensions" in historic market towns between the economy and the environment and also about how the UK needs to have a "grown up conversation" about heritage in the light of BLM.

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