



MEETING MINUTES

Event: Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Banning Trophy Hunting.

Date: Thursday 11th November. Time: 17:00

Location: Online.

Attendees:

A. Parliamentarians:

Sir Roger Gale MP [Chair], Baroness Sue Hayman [Co-Chair], Dave Doogan MP [Officer], Pauline Latham MP [Officer], Christina Rees MP [Officer].

B. Secretariat: Eduardo Gonçalves, Jane Evans.

Agenda:

1. Welcome
 2. Apologies
 3. Minutes of the last meeting.
 4. Legislation
 - 4.1. Animals Abroad Bill – EG to update on latest from Defra & EFRA
 - 4.2. Private Members Bill [Spellar Bill]
 - 4.3. EFRA Enquiry
 5. APPG in Parliament – Activities.
 6. Associate Members – Activities / Support for the APPG
 7. AOB
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MEETING SUMMARY:

1. Welcome:

Sir Roger Gale MP welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from:

Kevin Brennan MP

Dr Lisa Cameron MP

Margaret Ferrier MP

Baroness Anita Gale

Andrew Gwynne MP

Hywel Williams MP

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes were tabled and accepted.

Proposed: Sir Roger Gale

Seconded: Baroness Hayman

Response: Adopted

4. LEGISLATION

4.1 Animals Abroad Bill – EG to update on latest from Defra & EFRA

Key Issues:

i. Parliamentary Time:

- No time can currently be found in the government’s current legislative schedule.
- Government needs to commit to timetabling the Bill.
- The Bill may be in the Spring.
- It’s now 2 years since the ban was first announced in the Queen’s Speech of October 2019.
- The government’s previous pledge to ban lion trophies was repeated several times between 2015-2017.
- A danger history may repeat itself.

ii. **Animals Abroad Bill Scope / Content:** Whether it’s an imports or import/export ban plus whether foie gras and fur bans should be included are still not decided.

iii. **EFRA Committee:** EFRA Committee are pausing the rest of their inquiry until the Bill comes before Parliament..

iv. **Westminster Hall Debate [Pauline Latham MP]** Jo Churchill MP [Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – DEFRA] promised a “comprehensive” ban but didn’t specify a timetable.



v. DEFRA Consultation Summary:

Eduardo Gonçalves provided summary of:

- Timing and expected scope of the DEFRA Consultation [November 2019 - February 2020].

Sir Roger Gale & Baroness Hayman

- Proposed putting down PQs re when the Government intends to publish results of the consultation [HoC & HoL].
- Seconded: Pauline Latham MP
- Adopted

Eduardo Gonçalves: Recent PQs have asked about when the bill will be brought forward - the government response was the same 'as soon as possible'.

Sir Roger Gale MP noted that it should help the EFRA Select Committee to have the results/publication of the Government consultation to hand because that gives them a platform to work with.

4.2 Private Members Bills / Other

Eduardo Gonçalves provided summary of Private Members Bill [John Spellar MP] tabled for 10th December & re the Government adopting this Bill to ease the issue of time.

4.2.1 Spellar Bill:

Rt. Hon. John Spellar MP [Warley] has a Private Members Bill on Banning Trophy Imports which is scheduled to have its 2nd reading on Friday 10 December. The bill calls for a total trophy import ban.

Sir Roger Gale MP:

noted that the Spellar Bill is only trophy hunting [unlike the broad scope of the Animals Abroad Bill].

Proposes the APPG lead on building cross-party support and host an event which asks for Government to support the Spellar Bill.



The question tabled and accepted.

Proposer: Sir Roger Gale

Seconder: Baroness Sue Hayman of Ullock

Response: Adopted.

Dave Doogan MP

Raises that the Spellar Bill is on a Friday when many have constituency duties.

Baroness Hayman

Flags MPs peers travelling from distant constituencies too, suggesting earlier in the week.

Sir Roger Gale MP:

- **Proposes:** The APPG event happens earlier in the week [Tuesday or Thursday between 11am & midday / 1pm] – rationale: for Members with Friday duties in constituency to attend, and raise awareness in advance of the Private Members Bills debates on Friday 10th.
- **Seconded** Baroness Hayman
- **Adopted:** The secretariat will look to arrange the event for Tuesday 7th or Thursday 9th December.

4.3 EFRA Inquiry:

Eduardo Goncalves & Dave Doogan MP updated the meeting about the current situation re the EFRA Inquiry affirming the need to press the Government for a date for:

- Publication of the consultation
- Animals Abroad Bill.

Sir Roger Gale MP highlighted that the Animals Abroad Bill is a Manifesto commitment.

5. APPG in Parliament - Proposed Activities / APPG Action:

5.1. 10 Minute Rule Bills

5.2. Adjournment Debates

5.3. Written Parliamentary Questions [Defra] & Oral Questions [DEFRA, BUSINESS, PMQs].

Secretariat to support APPG Members and staff with drafting material.

5.4. Chair / Officers to offer to write article in 'House Magazine' etc.

Sir Roger Gale also flags publications such as Conservative Home. Eduardo Goncalves confirms that Conservative Home has recently covered Trophy Hunting.

Baroness Hayman highlights 'Protect', the journal of Labour Animal Welfare Society.

5.5. Supportive APPGs



Christina Rees MP notes that other APPGs may be supportive e.g. Vegan and vegetarianism of which she is Chair and fellow APPG on Banning Trophy Hunting officer, Baroness Gale is also Vice Chair. Proposed that we contact re collaboration.

The above [5.2 – 5.6] recommendations by Sir Roger Gale MP, Baroness Hayman, Dave Doogan MP and Christina Rees MP.

Proposer Sir Roger Gale MP
 Seconder: Christina Rees MP
 Response: Adopted.

6. APPG Report

6.1.1. The APPG intends to publish a report.

6.1.2. Interviews are being conducted with experts such as Jane Goodall and former Botswana President Seretse Khama.

6.1.3. Sir Roger Gale: Highlights valued APPG Associate / Partners such as Virginia McKenna would be valued interviewees.

7. AOB

7.1. Newsletter.

APPG Secretariat to look into producing a newsletter for parliamentarians.

7.2. Constituency Interest:

Christina Rees MP noted that trophy hunting and the proposed ban on trophy hunting imports is mentioned in the constituency and raised as an issue by constituents. .

7.3. **Supportive Party Groups:** Sir Roger Gale and Baroness Hayman welcome and thank the contributions and support from the following animal welfare groups:

- Lorraine Platt and team at Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation and
- Mark Glover and team at Labour Animal Welfare Society.

8. Closing Remarks

8.1. Next Meeting: *The next meeting shall be scheduled for Spring -TBA.*

8.2. Thanks given by the Chair & Co-Chair.

8.3. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6pm.



All-Party Parliamentary Group on Banning Trophy Hunting

APPG on Banning Trophy Hunting:

Chair: Sir Roger Gale MP

Co-Chair: Baroness Sue Hayman of Ullock

Vice Chairs:

Dr Lisa Cameron MP

Dave Doogan MP

Lord Chris Rennard

Officers:

Kevin Brennan MP

Amy Callaghan MP

Andrew Gwynne MP

Margaret Ferrier MP

Baroness Anita Gale

Pauline Latham MP

Kate Osborne MP

Christina Rees MP

Secretariat:

Eduardo Gonçalves

