

**Minutes of the First Food and Drink Manufacturing All Party Parliamentary Group**

June 4<sup>th</sup> 2008  
3-4pm  
Room R, Portcullis House

**Present:**

Bill Wiggin MP (Cons)  
Linda Riordan MP (Lab)  
Tim Farron MP (Lib Dem)  
Sharon Hodgson MP (Lab)  
David Taylor MP (Lab)  
Luke Gibbs (FDF)  
Kate Turner (FDF)

**1. Welcome by Bill Wiggin MP**

**2. Appointment of officers of APPG:**

- a. Chair – Bill Wiggin MP
- b. Vice Chair - Linda Riordan MP
- c. Vice Chair – Tim Farron MP
- d. Secretary – Sharon Hodgson MP
- e. Treasurer – David Taylor MP

**3. Food and Drink Federation involvement:**

- a. Provide secretariat services.
- b. Provide information about industry activity in three key areas:
  - i. Health and wellbeing
  - ii. Food safety and science
  - iii. Sustainability and competitiveness

**4. Possible themes for future meetings:**

- a. 15<sup>th</sup> July meeting (date confirmed)
  - i. Proposed “Food Prices” – representatives from throughout the Food Chain: NFU, Nestle, Morrisons. Wiggin suggested a wholesaler, Farron suggested Natural England.
- b. Proposed future meetings:
  - i. Environmental aspects – packaging (technological developments, future direction, bag tax) as well as recycling, land fill, etc, food miles, carbon footprint.
  - ii. Food Security (tied in with environmental aspects, price of oil)
  - iii. Brief APPG members on European activities.
  - iv. Social event with MPs and constituency members.

**5. AOB:**

- a. How to communicate effectively to the group:
  - i. Via Email
- b. Circulate FDF member companies within APPG member constituencies. FDF to action.