

Minutes of the Cross-Party Group on Faith meeting

## **House of Good: The Economic and Social Value of UK's Churches**

Wednesday 24 February 2021 from 12.00 – 12.40

Online via Zoom

### **Present:**

1. Adrian Allabarton
2. Ainsley Griffiths, Church in Wales
3. Alan Lansdowne
4. Carol Wardman, Church in Wales
5. Chris Abbas, Baha'i community
6. Claire Walker, Chief Executive, National Churches Trust (Speaker)
7. Colin Harris, Cardiff Watch
8. Curtis Shea, Office of Darren Millar MS
9. Darren Millar MS (Chair)
10. Dave Brownnutt
11. David Emery, Salvation Army
12. Eddie Tulasiewicz, Head of Communications and Public Affairs, National Churches Trust
13. Eleri Davies, Welsh Government (observer)
14. Gareth Jones
15. Gareth Edwards, Christian Institute
16. Gavin Smith
17. Gill Peace
18. Jim Stewart (Secretary and note-taker)
19. Judith Leigh
20. Katie McColgan, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
21. Laura Anne Jones MS
22. Mavis Harris, Cardiff Watch
23. Mazin Alfaham
24. Molly Conrad, Partnerships and Public Affairs Officer, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
25. Nathan Sadler, Evangelical Alliance Wales
26. Major Peter Harrison
27. Rheinallt Thomas
28. Sarah Perons, Diocese of Llandaff, Church in Wales
29. Sian Rees, Evangelical Alliance Wales
30. Siva Sivapalan, Sri Lankan community / Hindu Council of Wales
31. Stanley Soffa, Jewish community
32. Surinder Channa

### **Apologies:**

1. Aled Edwards, Cytûn
2. Andrew Misell, Alcohol Change
3. Dai Lloyd MS
4. Gethin Rhys, Cytûn
5. Helen Mary Jones MS
6. Ingrid Wilson
7. Llyr Gruffydd MS
8. Mike Hedges MS
9. Sharon Lee, Aelwyd Housing Association

**Minutes:**

1. Darren Millar MS opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
2. Darren updated the group on items of interest since the last meeting was held on 25 November 2020 on 'Faith and the Pandemic'.
3. Darren introduced Claire Walker, Chief Executive of the National Churches Trust, who gave a presentation on her organisation's report, **The House of Good**.
4. Darren then chaired a Q & A time in which a wide range of issues related to the topic were discussed.
5. Darren thanked everyone for attending.