

WSAQM BTM of April 16th 2018 at Taunton Meeting House

18/26 Reading:

Number 31 of 'Advices and Queries' was read in our Meeting this evening.

18/27 Those present:

Sue Browlie; Brian Collingridge; Chris Lawson; Anna Mullett; Phil Parratt; Huw Morgan; Sheila Whitlock; Fran Hicks; Pat Bazley; John Gray.

Apologies - Martin Wall.

18/28 Matters On-going:

(a) Special Topic Area Meetings (STAM):

(i) Earth Action Group STAM at Wellington MH on 19th May:

A letter has been received from John Ainsworth of EAG explaining what the STAM will entail and on what lines it will be run.

This Meeting suggests that at the end of this STAM a conclusion, hopefully in the form of a commitment to action, shall be minuted by a member of this Business Team – more than likely Anna Mullett and Huw Morgan who have indicated that they intend to be present.

The letter of invitation, yet to be distributed should note that a 'Bring-and-Share' lunch is proposed.

(ii) Mental Health:

Arrangements for this STAM are in-hand.

(b) Soup Run for 'Rough Sleepers':

Much work still remains to be done in relation to 'Homelessness' and this can be done in partnership with other church organisations and with Citizen UK rather as a concern of our Area Meeting alone. Sue Brownlie will write a report and circulate it to our Local Meetings.

Those Friends who would like to get involved with our 'Soup Run' are urged to contact Sue Brownlie and such support would be much appreciated.

18/29 Correspondence:

Quaker Action on Alcohol and Drugs (QAAD) Woodbrooke Conference "Signposts for the Soul – Pathways through Addiction" – July 13th – 15th 2018.

Area Meeting will send a follow-up letter to Local Meetings requesting offers to attend this conference and AM will cover the costs for one Rep.

18/30 Membership Matters:

Transfers of Membership: The acceptance of the transfer of Edward (Ned) Allen (Ilminster LM) to Cambridgeshire AM has been received.

Louise Melbourne (Minehead LM) has asked that her Membership be transferred to Mid-Somerset AM now she is living in Martock and attending Long Sutton LM. A transfer request has been sent.

18/31 Reports:

(a) Local Meeting Duties – Spiceland Report:

The purpose of these 'LM Duties Reports' is for the Local Meeting to reflect on how well it is attending to its duties as set out in 'Faith and Practice'.

This report is exhaustive and exemplary of its kind and we thank Spiceland Friends for this report.

(b) Meeting for Sufferings:

We have heard this report from Fran Hicks and it does appear that our Area Meeting can be seen, already, to be looking at a number of the topics which Meeting for Sufferings considered needed addressing.

We thank Fran Hicks for this clear and helpful report.

(c) Vision for Taunton MH – report to Taunton Meeting House Management Committee (TMHMC).

We thank Taunton and Spiceland Friends for this Vision for the Future and they are urged to build on the energy generated in preparing this report to take forward the suggestion of a rolling programme of events for 2019.

We hope that the events can be arranged by a wider group using Taunton MH and Spiceland MH as two venues.

An update of this suggestion should appear on the agenda of the next Area Meeting for Business.

(d) Accounting practice at Spiceland LM:

We have heard about the concerns of the Spiceland Treasurer with regard to the new central accounting system and we think it would be helpful to have a meeting of Local Meeting Treasurers with our Area Meeting Treasurer, together with a few other relevant Friends, to review how the new system is working.

18/32 Nominations:

Judith Blaker's name was put forward by 'Nominations' to take on the role of Membership Clerk when Chris Lawson lays this down. It was agreed that Judith should meet with Chris Lawson to discuss the role and what it entails.

18/33 Notices:

- (a) The Es and Os Meeting that was to have been held on October 6th at Spiceland MH has been re-scheduled and will now be held in **Taunton MH** on October 20th.
- (b) On 28th April, a "Safeguarding Conference", organised by CCPAS will take place at Oakwood Church, Obridge Road, Taunton (TA2 7PU). On that same day, an "Appleseed Quiet Day" has also been arranged at Taunton Meeting House, Bath Place, Taunton (TA1 4EP).
- (c) Outreach: Due to some confusion at Local Meeting level regarding the AM contact for funds for 'Outreach', we reprint here the whole of Minute 17/73 on 'Outreach':

"In addition to encouraging Local Meetings to use their own initiative regarding 'Outreach' and informing Local Meetings of budget

restrictions, the appointed person/s would need to embody the role of 'Co-ordinator/Facilitator' of these 'Outreach' ideas while still keeping an eye on the budget.

Phil Parratt, realising he was in the best position to monitor the budget situation, was happy to undertake the role of "Local Meetings' Outreach Contact" and was duly appointed."

18/34 Closing Minute:

We thank Taunton Meeting House for making this room available to us this evening and we look forward to meeting as a Business Team here again on June 4th. The Meeting will start at 7.00pm.

Huw Morgan: 19/04/2018