

WSOAM - Minutes of Business Team Meeting of 01/10/18 at Taunton MH (DRAFT)

18/67 Reading:

Advices and Queries Number 14 was read in our Meeting this evening.

18/68 Friends in attendance:

Brian Collingridge; Chris Lawson; Huw Morgan; Anna Mullett; Phil Parratt;
Martin Wall; Sheila Whitlock; Pat Bazley; John Gray; Sheila Harvey.

18/69 Meeting House Sustainability:

(re. communication from 'Property Support Project Reference Group' – see 'Associated Document' folder)

Phil Parratt and Brian Collingridge will liaise with each other to confirm an 'expression of interest' with Property Support Project Reference Group on behalf of Area Meeting Property and Finance Trustees in relation to Wellington Meeting House.

18/70 Area Meeting Calendar of events for 2019:

We thank Phil Parratt for his work on the 2019 Calendar.

The following dates were changed:

AM at Taunton MH to 26th January 2019 (from 19th Jan)

“Worshipping Together” at Burnham to 3rd March (from 17th March).

Burnham Meeting will be asked to confirm this date's suitability.

The Draft Calendar will be circulated to LM Clerks so that LMs can confirm the suitability of dates before the next Area Meeting on November 17th.

Martin Wall will ensure that Lyn Shorthouse is aware of all the dates when Taunton MH will be required for Meeting.

18/71 'Outreach':

We refer to the original Minute (17/64) when “Outreach Group” was laid down.

The Minute reads:

“We agree to discontinue 'Outreach Group' and ask Business Team to appoint one, two, or more people from within its Membership, or to second such people as may be required to be responsible for 'Outreach' and its budget.

Local Meetings should be encouraged to use their own initiative with regard to 'Outreach' and to contact the Business Team-appointed personnel when necessary.

We thank 'Outreach Group' for its work and service during the last twelve years”.

We feel that there is no substantial change in relation to “Outreach”.

Phil Parratt remains the contact person for 'Outreach', particularly for granting money for activities.

18/72 Special Topic Area Meeting on Mental Health – Report:

The Minute recorded at this Special Topic AM has been circulated to LM Clerks and was also read at this Meeting.

The Minute is appended and numbered **18/66**

18/73 Recommendations to AM re. Trial Arrangements:

Suggestions from AM have been noted by the Business Team and have been incorporated into the Calendar of AM Events for 2019 (see **18/70** above).

We suggest that LMs also refer to previous Minutes of the Business Team (Minute **18/61**) so that advised changes may be noted and discerned before the next Area Meeting.

18/74 Nominations:

Nominations Committee have been unable to bring forward any names as AM Co-Clerks.

18/75 Business Team Membership for 2019:

This Business Team is aware that there is a shortage of Friends who are both willing and able to shoulder the responsibilities of running this Society of which they are Members.

As such, Sheila Harvey will ask that the matter be placed on the Agenda of the next Area Elders and Overseers Meeting (20th Oct at Taunton).

18/76 Agenda for AM of November 17th:

To include:

- (a) It is hoped that the latter Minute (**18/75**) will find its way on to this AM Agenda.
- (b) Membership: (i) Report re. Application for Membership
(ii) Death and funeral of James Hayllar
- (c) 'Safeguarding Policies' – signing off
- (d) 'Citizens UK' – Financial and Formal implications (see Minute **18/48**)

18/77 Closing Minute:

We thank Taunton Meeting House for the use of the Library and other facilities this evening and we hope to meet here again as a Business Team on 3rd December 2018 at 7.00 pm.

Huw Morgan (03/10/18)

18/66
Joint Area Meeting, North Somerset, Mid Somerset and West Somerset.
A Mental Health Day

Taunton Meeting House - September 22nd, 2018.

The Area meetings of North, Mid and West Somerset have come together to consider Mental Health, both within the community of our meetings and the wider community within which we live.

We have explored our own understanding of mental health and the related prejudices and insights that this has revealed.

We thank Alison Mitchel for the gentle, insightful and humorous manner in which she facilitated the day. *

We thank Taunton meeting for their hospitality and trust that we will continue to discern a way forward in these matters. The Planning Committee for this joint meeting will meet again to evaluate the event and explore how we might take these matters forward.

Martin Wall – Clerk

*Alison's Queries posted during the day

- What is happening about mental health in your meetings?
- Are friends exploring mental health as part of their spiritual journey?
- How are mental health services in your area?
- Is there a mental health chaplaincy?
 - Should mental health be a concern:
 - Of you?
 - Your local meeting?
 - Area meeting?
 - Britain yearly meeting?