

Minutes of the WSAQM Business Team Meeting held 7th October 2019 at Taunton Meeting House

19/62 Minutes of our last BT Meeting (June) and AM (July) have been circulated.

19/63 Meg Winfield is prevented from attending. BT members in attendance: Huw Morgan, Brian Collingridge, Anna Mullett, Sheila Whitlock, Phil Parratt, Sheila Harvey, other Friends in attendance: Margaret Stenhouse.

19/64 Membership matters

The following deaths are recorded:

Rachel Bowring attender at Spiceland meeting died May 11th 2019. Her ashes were scattered at Spiceland on Saturday August 19th.

Jonathan Maw, member of Ilminster meeting died 13th August 2019. His funeral took place at Taunton crematorium on Friday 23rd August.

Jeanne Brown, member of Taunton meeting died 13th August 2019. Her funeral took place at Taunton crematorium on Friday August 30th.

Bill Saxton of Wellington meeting died 9th September 2019.

19/65 Nominations matters

Richard Salter has asked to lay down his service as AM representative to Somerset Advisor Council on Religious Education with immediate effect. We thank Richard for his service. We ask AM Nominations Committee to bring forward a name to replace our representative if they can.

Martin Wall is proposed to replace Anne Jackson as an elder, as she moves to live in York from October 1st 2019 to 31st December 2022. This appointment will be taken to our next AM.

Margaret Stocks will continue as an Elder for a further year, commencing in January 2020.

The Business Team has received correspondence from Nominations Committee (attached with these minutes) with various matters for BT discernment and response.

1. We agree this is the process for appointments.
2. With the agreement of the proposed role holder appointments are for a triennium January to December, with or without the addition of months for a mid-year start.
3. Martin Wall is willing to serve as co-clerk of AM until end December 2021, Anna Mullett is willing to serve as co-clerk of AM until end December 2020. These names are taken to our next Area Meeting. We hope, from within the Business Team to bring forward names for appointment as subsequent co-clerks.
4. The Business Team is concerned that the addition of Nominations matter would add hours to

meetings or result in additional meetings for the Business Team. The Team is concerned that the concentration provided by the separate committee discernment might be lost. We suggest the Wellington and Minehead Meetings, if unable to appoint to Nominations Committee, be asked to provide a contact within the Meeting to assist Nominations Committee.

5. The name of Lynda Stewart will be taken to our next AM for Quaker Life Representative serving until December 2022. We support Lynda in attending QL Representative Council in October (ahead of appointment by AM).

19/66 Matters Raised

We have heard of discussions between Burnham LM and North Somerset AM for the transfer of the LM from WSAQM. No action is required of us at this time.

We have received correspondence from Taunton Meeting House Management Committee on changes to the perimeter of the Meeting House garden intended to exclude rough sleepers overnight following anti-social behaviour. We acknowledge the care taken by the Management Committee and Taunton Friends in their discernment.

We have heard from our Meeting for Sufferings Representatives that two AMs have brought minutes of concern to MfS on Assisted Dying. We ask our MfS Representatives to forward these minutes to LM Clerks see if there is a concern discerned at LM.

Fran Hicks has offered to speak at AM on Deliberative Democracy. We ask Fran to write an article for our Newsletter that will inform Friends and that we might judge the appetite for further discussion.

19/67 Reports

No reports were received.

19/68 Trustee report.

Progress on the Annual Report and Accounts and Examination of Accounts for 2018 will reported in the Trustee Report agenda item.

Trustees have asked for a Special Topic Area Meeting in 2020 on the topic "What are our Meeting Houses For". We ask Trustees to prepare an agenda and proposed arrangements for this AM.

19/69 AM Calendar 2020

Phil Parratt will draft an AM Calendar for 2020 for circulation first within the Business Team then to LMs with a view to presentation at our next AM.

19/70 Agenda and arrangements for next Area Meeting Saturday 16th November Taunton 10:15.

Martin Wall and Anna Mullett will be co-clerks, and will prepare an agenda ready for Local Business Meeting consideration 3rd November.

19/71 We close our Meeting hoping to meet again at Area Meeting Taunton Saturday November 16th 10:15. Our next Business Team Meeting is Monday 2nd December 19:00 at Taunton Meeting House.

Philip Parratt 7th October 2019