

## Minutes of the WSAQM Business Team Meeting held 10:00 30<sup>th</sup> April on Zoom

26/20 In attendance are Phil Parratt (convenor), Anna Mullett, Sheila Whitlock, Sheila Harvey, Martin Wall, Huw Morgan, Brian Collingridge.

27/20 Membership matters.

We record that John Sivyer of Bridgwater Meeting has asked for his membership to be transferred to the Wellington Meeting list. We inform our Membership Clerks and Gary Auger so that membership records and our contact list might be amended.

We record that Anne Jackson Wild has requested that her membership of WSAQM be transferred to York Area Quaker Meeting. We ask our Membership Clerk to set matters under way and ask Gary Auger to amend the contact list.

28/20 Nominations matters

Kathy Gollin has asked to lay down her service as AM Alternate Meeting for Sufferings Representative from the end of 2020 and in addition her service as a Trustee to WSAQM. (cf. 14/20). We ask our AM Nominations Committee to bring forward the name of a replacement Representative for the triennium starting 1/1/2021. We ask Spiceland Friends to appoint a Trustee for the triennium starting 1/1/2021

29/20 We record the burial of Elisabeth (Beth) Rowlands at Spiceland burial ground on Wednesday April 29th near the ashes of her husband David.

Beth was the mother of Bridget Oliver of Exeter LM and will be most sadly missed.

30/20 Reports

We have received a report from Trustees.

31/20 Citizens UK

We have received a report from Fran Hicks on the Somerset branch of Citizens UK. The report meets the request from Area Meeting for an annual report supporting its funding of Citizens UK. We agree to continue funding Citizens UK at £500 per year. A question was raised about AM finances in present circumstances. Our Treasurer advised that AM has reserves that mean we need not take decisions on curtailing AM expenditure before the end of the year.

32/20 Funeral and Burial Arrangements.

We note the requirement for a member of AM to witness a burial at a Quaker Burial Ground. We hope and believe that such witnesses will be available.

We acknowledge difficulties in holding funerals in any way recognisable as a "traditional" Quaker service. We hope to support families in their funeral arrangements.

33/20 Purple Field Productions

Kirstie Waldie founder of PFP and member of Ilminster Meeting has written to explain her phased retirement from PFP and asking us to consider our funding in the light of this.

We continue to value the work of PFP and will continue our funding for the time being.

34/20 Arrangements for AM and Business Team Meetings.

We note that AM Elders and Overseers meet on Zoom Saturday 6 June arranged by E&O co-clerks.

Our next Business Team meeting will be on Zoom Thursday 2 July at 10:00.

We agreed to restrict attendance at AM on Zoom for better clerking of the Meeting. AM attendance is to be: Co Clerks, an Elder, two representatives from each Local Meeting, and those delivering reports.

35/20 The Meeting closed at 11:30.

Philip Parratt 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020