

East Cheshire Quaker Meeting
To be held as a blended meeting at Wilmslow Meeting House
Saturday 20 January 2024 at 10.30 am

Agenda

- 1. Friends present**
- 2. Reading**
- 3. Caring for Friends**
- 4. Application for membership**
Joyce Pavey (Cheadle Hulme Meeting)
- 5. Appointments: nominations received from Nominations Committee**
Meeting for Sufferings representative 2024 – 2027: Keith Braithwaite
Meeting for Sufferings alternate 2024-2027: Sally Mendham
- 6. East Cheshire Area Meeting Trustees: Minutes of meeting held on 6 December 2023**
The minutes are circulated with this agenda. Trustees have asked us in particular to note the following matters:
Minute 5: Premises: Quinquennial reviews
Minute 6: Financial update and financial impact of quinquennial reviews
The summary of the possible cost of work recommended in the quinquennial reviews which is referred to in Minute 6 is also circulated with this agenda.
- 7. Retention of records (Gavin Mendham)**
A document which has been reviewed by Area Meeting Trustees is circulated with this agenda.
- 8. Meeting for Sufferings: report of meeting held 2 December 2023 (Keith Braithwaite)**
The report is circulated with this agenda.
- 9. Tabular statement for 2023 (Denise Renshaw)**
The tabular statement and a report are circulated with this agenda.
- 10. Yealand Easter Camp 8 – 12 April 2024: appointment of responsible adults**
Andrew Backhouse, Bob Chiang, Rin Molton and Sue Pounder
- 11. Area Meeting weekend at Glenthorns 12 – 14 April 2024**
We need to consider the arrangements.
- 12. Northern Friend Peace Board: request for financial support in 2024**
The Northern Friends Peace Board has suggested that we contribute £10 per member in 2024. Our usual procedure is to contribute half of the suggested amount from Area Meeting funds and ask local meetings to pay at least the other half.
- 13. Spiritual Nurturance and Pastoral Care Weekend 24 – 26 November 2023 (Frances McCann)**
A report is circulated with this agenda.

14. Quakers in Criminal Justice Conference Gateways to Rehabilitation 22 – 24 March 2024
Celia Davies has expressed interest in attending this conference on behalf of the Area Meeting.

15. Drs Green and Slater Rest Houses: minute from Stockport Meeting

We have received part of Minute 2 from their meeting on 3 December regarding our minute 23.11.14 as follows.

Stockport Local Meeting notes that the minute does not offer the support which the board asked for.

The support that the Board would like from East Cheshire Area Meeting is:

- a recognition of Drs Green and Slater Rest Houses as a social housing charity with links to East Cheshire Quakers
- Support in drawing up our statement of Values and Practices that would be informed by the Quaker Testimonies, which would help with recruitment of staff and Trustees, and guiding how the charity operates.
- Support in promoting the need for new trustees.

Stockport Local Meeting endorses this request and encourages the Area Meeting to act upon the matters suggested.

At our meeting in November the feeling of the meeting was that the requested support should be provided but our minute did not make this explicit. A further minute clarifying that Area Meeting is willing to offer the requested support may be helpful.

16. All age worship and other events at Stockport Meeting House 7 January 2024

A report is circulated with this agenda.

17. Annual Duties

18. Outward Affairs

19. Thanks to Friends who served the meeting in 2023

Lunch will be provided by Wilmslow Friends

After lunch (at around 1.30 pm) we will hold a worship sharing session to provide an opportunity for Friends to reflect on the current situation in Israel/Palestine.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/international-work/responding-to-the-current-situation-in-israel-and-palestine>

<https://fwccemes.org/news/quaker-attention-on-peace-in-Israel-and-Palestine>

Date and place of next meeting: Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 6.30 pm at Stockport Meeting House

Papers circulated with this agenda:

Area Meeting Trustees minutes of meeting held 6 December 2023

Summary of cost of work proposed by the quinquennial reviews

A guide to retention of records

Report on Meeting for Sufferings held 2 December 2023

Tabular statement for 2023 with a report

Report on Spiritual Nurturance and Pastoral Care weekend

Report on all age worship and other events at Stockport Meeting House