

STOCKPORT LOCAL MEETING

Sunday 5 March 2017

Local Meeting Minutes

1. Psalm 46 has been read.
2. Area Meeting is at Crewe and Nantwich on 11 March at 11.00. Our representative will be Joan Armstrong, who will report back to us.
3. We note the following minutes from Area Meeting of 11 February:

17.02.14: Northern Friends Peace Board funding

We have heard parts of a letter from the Northern Friends Peace Board. As requested in the letter, we ask our Treasurer to send £800 and encourage our Local Meetings to send at least £4.25 per member to make this up [to the £8.50 requested]. A written report from Christopher Bagley on the recent meeting has been circulated.

17.02.20: Glenthorne 2018 dates

Glenthorne Guest House has been booked for 16-18 February 2018 for an Area Meeting weekend. We ask Nominations Committee to find a small group of Friends to organise this event.

We ask our Treasurer to take note of minute 17.02.14 in her report to our next Local Meeting.

4. Death of Leslie Johnson. We agree the attached minute, which will be sent to Area Meeting. We thank Pat Carlisle, Sheila Whitehead and Geoff Thomason for their input into this. We also agree to send a copy to Ros Johnson.
5. Death of Ian Hamilton. We agree the attached minute, which will be sent to Area Meeting. We thank Margaret Moss for writing this. We also agree to send a copy to Ian's daughter Alexandra. We thank Area Meeting Friends for their support at Ian's funeral.
6. Cork Meeting House – Mary Balman has brought to our attention an appeal from Cork Meeting in the Republic of Ireland. They wish to extend their current building to provide additional space and facilities as their meeting is growing. We agree to send £50 and ask our Treasurer to arrange this.
7. Appointment of a gardener – Mary Balman has written a letter asking us to consider the appointment of a gardener. She is happy to continue to maintain the flowerbeds in the garden. Work needs to be done in keeping the grounds tidy. We agree initially to ask the warden if he is willing to extend his hours by two hours each month to deal with this. If he is not willing, we shall make the same approach to the cleaner. If he also refuses, we shall revisit the possibility of employing a separate groundsperson.

8. Meeting House rear garden – Elaine Hallows has circulated an e-mail drawing attention to the abuse of the rear garden by dog-walkers and asking us to consider how we wish the rear garden to be maintained. The options are: turfing the area, for which Elaine has provided initial costs, retaining the rear garden as a wild meadow, or mowing it back to rough grass. The meeting feels that the last is the option we wish to try, with the intention that we monitor the outcome with the potential to reconsider our options in future. Pat Carlisle has offered to mow the rear garden in the first instance and clear the dog mess. We also agree to block the hole in the fence through which dogs can enter the garden. Tim Carlisle has offered to do this. Lynn Clark will provide another notice re the dog fouling.

9. AOB - Nominations Committee will meet to replace the various posts undertaken by Ian Hamilton. The meeting can also appoint his replacement as an Elder without approaching Area Meeting as this is a mid-term appointment.

The next Local Meeting will be held on 7 May. We might hold one earlier, depending on the availability of the Treasurer and the appointment of a Clerk.

Geoff Thomason – Clerk on this occasion