

# STOCKPORT LOCAL MEETING

Sunday 7 May 2017

## Minutes

1. Psalm 43 has been read

2. The next Area Meeting will be held at Frandley on 14 May. Our representative will be Phoebe Spence, who will report back to us the following Sunday.

### 3. *Frequency of Area Meetings*

We appreciate that more frequent meetings places a greater burden on the Clerk and Assistant Clerk, although the present arrangement can make Area Meetings too long for some Friends. We agree that the feelings of the Clerk and Assistant Clerk are paramount but hope that the reduced frequency might be kept under review.

### 4. *Nominations*

Nominations Committee has brought forward the names of the following Friends to serve :-

Clerk - Geoff Thomason until 31 December 2017

Assistant Clerk - May, Sheila Whitehead

July, Pat Carlisle

September, Tim Carlisle

November, Margaret Moss

Elder - Tim Carlisle until 31 December 2019

Co-opted onto Events Committee - Pat Carlisle until 31 December 2017

Co-opted onto Nominations Committee - Sheila Whitehead date tbc.

We accept these names and agree to these Friends being appointed. We thank the Nominations Committee for their work.

### 5. *Charity support*

So far this year we have raised money for The Wellspring

<https://www.thewellspring.co.uk/> a charity for the homeless in Stockport. Sheila Whitehead has suggested our charity jar donations be given to The Olive Branch

<https://sailadvice.org.uk/organisation/the-olive-branch/>, a local drop-in centre in Edgeley. This provides facilities such as help with job applications, filling in forms and computer access for the less advantaged in Stockport. It also offers hot drinks, companionship and a welcoming, listening ear and maintains a foodbank.

We agree to support this. Geoff Thomason will deliver our previous collection to The Wellspring.

## 6. *Financial report*

Phoebe Spence has presented the draft accounts for 2016 and the draft budget for 2017. These are attached. £6,050 was mistakenly transferred to the Building Development Fund. We agree to make up the shortfall from Feed-in tariff receipts, Gift Aid and interest from the Building Development Fund, plus the balance of £6,395.47 from Premises Fund and £1,188.58 from our General Fund. We accept these draft accounts. We accept the draft budget and agree to contribute £4,000 to Britain Yearly Meeting, to be paid in two instalments, and £1,500 to Area Meeting.

We Phoebe for her work and her report.

## 7. *First aid training*

Trustees have suggested that the Meeting could benefit from First Aid training . Phoebe Spence has looked into this and a 3-hour Essential First Aid session offered by the St. John's Ambulance Service <http://www.sja.org.uk/sja/training-courses/courses-for-the-general-public/essential-first-aid-all-ages.aspx>

This costs £30 per head for groups of 8-14 people. Friends are interested in this. Costs would be borne by the meeting but individual contributions could also be made. We ask Phoebe to investigate possible dates, preferably for an evening session.

## 8. *AOB*

### *Hearing loop*

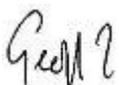
Premises Committee with Pat Carlisle are meeting with Roy Kirkpatrick, a sound engineer, on 11 May. Roy has worked at South Manchester Meeting House. We agree to bear the cost of the visit. We agree that Premises Committee will accept any advice and a suggestions and authorise any necessary work they feel appropriate.

### *Difficult conversations about migration*

Phoebe Spence has asked the Meeting to host a session involving Stockport for Peace and Stand up to Racism on July 15, for which we would not charge for the use of the room. We agree to this.

### *Francesca Hannah*

We record with sadness the death of Francesca Hannah, a long-standing attender, in March. Forget-me-nots seeds have been planted in her memory.



Geoff Thomason - Clerk