

**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**  
**CHEADLE HULME MEETING**  
**Sunday 03 June 2018**

Friends present: 10

**18.06.01 Readings**

Paragraph 18 of *Advices and Queries* has been read in Meeting for Worship.

**18.06.02 Intervisitation**

Alan Ingram and Evelyn Ingram visited Disley in May. Christine Wilson will visit Frandley in June.

**18.06.03 East Cheshire Area Meeting, May**

The Friends appointed attended this meeting and reported on it after Meeting for Worship.

**18.06.03 (a) Inclusion and Diversity**

Further to AM 18.05.16, we agree to spend our Meeting for Learning time on Sunday 17 June on the topic of inclusion and diversity. The prompts, from Meeting for Sufferings, are as follows:

1. In what ways is your meeting (or committee or group) already diverse?
2. In what ways could it be more diverse?
3. What would help it become more diverse? What are the opportunities and barriers?

**18.06.03 (b) Peace Education Project**

Further to AM 18.05.17, we have considered contributing financially to the Peace Education Project. Gill Alcock came to our meeting to speak about the project at a Meeting for Learning on Sunday 20 May. We agree to add this cause to our list of considerations for distributing funds from our Quaker and Local Projects Fund at the end of the year.

**18.06.03 (c) Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy**

Further to AM 18.05.19, we have considered whether or not we are able to support the Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy. However, as we are not actually part of Cheshire, we feel we should let churches and Meetings more local to the cause support it.

**18.06.04 Sanctuary Meeting**

In January, we spent a Meeting for Learning considering what it means to be a Sanctuary Meeting. Following this, Jackie Barker has done some research and has informed us about the opportunity to provide support, either individually or as a Meeting, to Manchester City of Sanctuary. We have agreed that as a Meeting we would prefer to support the Stockport Refugee Support Centre, which we have supported for some time, and to support Rachel Mulliner, who is very involved with their efforts there. We feel that we would like to be more actively supportive of this cause than perhaps we have been. However, Friends have also expressed individual leadings to support the Manchester City of Sanctuary, and still other Friends have expressed support for these Friends.

**18.06.05 Budget for 2018**

We agree to suggest to Friends a contribution of £95 to local Meeting funds for 2018. This is an increase of £5 from last year.

#### **18.06.06 Building the New Economy**

Further to minute 18.05.04 and AM 18.03.17, we agree to host a session on Building the New Economy, led by Enid Pinch, on Saturday 18 August 2:30 – 4:30 here at Cheadle Hulme for Area Meeting Friends. Peter Eccles has agreed to continue making arrangements.

#### **18.06.07 Nominations Committee**

In June 2016 we appointed Christine Wilson to serve on our Nominations Committee for two years and Wendy Robinson to serve on the Committee for three years. Christine has agreed to serve for the remainder of 2018 only in the capacity that she may be of use to the committee as a resource. In 2017, we appointed Darren Booth to serve on the Committee for three years. Darren has since moved house and has not been coming to Meeting for some time. We release Darren from service.

We are in a difficult position in terms of Meeting responsibilities and Friends able to serve to meet them. We appoint Peter Eccles, Christine Wilson, and Wendy Robinson to a committee for consideration of two additional Friends to serve on the Nominations Committee, and ask them to report at our next business meeting.

#### **18.06.08 Churches Together**

We agree to host the Churches Together Praise and Worship service on Monday 23 July at 7:00pm. We ask Elders and Overseers to make arrangements.

#### **18.06.09 The Friend and The Friends' Quarterly subscriptions.**

We agree to renew subscriptions to The Friend and Friends' Quarterly for a further year.

#### **18.06.10 Swarthmore Lecture**

We ask the librarian to purchase a copy of the 2018 Swarthmore Lecture when it has been published.

#### **18.02.11 Christian Aid**

For the Christian Aid house-to-house collection this year, some of our usual roads were dropped and we were allocated Ramilies Avene next to the meeting house instead. Our total raised this year was £237.85, of which £97 was Gift Aided. The sponsored walk raised £255 plus Gift Aid. We are grateful to those who helped to make this possible.

#### **18.06.12 Beverley Meeting House Appeal**

We agree to send £60 to the Beverley Meeting House Appeal.

Signed,

Taylor Giacoma, Clerk