

# STOCKPORT MEETING

## LOCAL MEETING

Sunday 1 July 2018

### Minutes

1. Psalm 131 has been read
2. Area Meeting is at Marple on 14 July. Our representatives will be Tim and Pat Carlisle. Tim will report back to us.
3. Area meetings 2019  

We have been asked if we can host Area Meeting on 26 January 2019. However, we have a prior booking for that morning. We could host AM in the afternoon of that day or the following day. The Clerk will make our preferences known to the AM Clerk.
4. Items from LM Minutes, May 2018
  - a. Defibrillator training - The defibrillator is now installed and training at the Meeting House can be offered by the North West Ambulance Service in return for a donation. We agreed to donate £75. Joan Armstrong has circulated a list of dates for training and has asked those Friends who are interested to let her know which are suitable for them.
  - b. Garden committee, 10 June – A group of Friends met on 10 June to begin the gardening and assess what work needs to be done on the garden. Work is difficult in the current hot weather. Employment and Lettings and Premises Committees have also discussed engaging a gardener. Premises have suggested engaging people from WE G.R.O.W., a charity which works with people recovering from substance abuse through involving them in gardening work. We agreed that such a group would need supervision and clear guidelines about what we need doing. We ask Premises Committee to liaise with the charity with the aim of using them initially on a trial basis.
  - c. Quaker week - The Clerk made enquiries to ascertain whether Area Meeting was intending to do anything for Quaker Week (29 September – 7 October). They are not, but asked if Stockport LM wanted to take the lead in organising something. We feel we do not have the resources to do this in the time available.
5. From LM Clerks mailing, June
  - a. Quaker youth pilgrimage, Yealand, 19-22 October - There is a Quaker pilgrimage to Yealand 19 – 22 October for young people aged 12-15. Any Friends with children or grandchildren who might want to attend would be eligible to apply for assistance from Area Meeting.
  - b. GDPR update  
New guidelines on GDPR have been added to the Friends House website.

6. Inter-visitation

The Clerk has not received an inter-visitation schedule from Area Meeting. He will contact the AM Clerk for a schedule for future visits and circulate it among Stockport Friends.

7. Meeting for Sufferings has received a concern from South Marches Meeting about the value of truth and integrity in a post-truth world. This might be discussed at Area Meeting on 14 July and Local Meetings have been asked to send any comments. We agree that any Friends who wish to comment can do so through our representatives at AM (*vide super*) or individually to Meeting for Sufferings.

8. DBS verification update

The Clerk was concerned that he had received no information from Friends' House Safeguarding Committee about acting as a DBS verifier. He contacted Friends' House, who reported that they had no contact details for Stockport. They have agreed to send the guidelines, although to date the Clerk has not received anything.

Geoff Thomason – Clerk

