

**At a meeting of Warwick Friends held at the Quaker Centre
on February 4th December 2018**

Present: 16 Friends were present for our meeting, starting at 12 noon.

Minute 18/1 *Advices & Queries* No 18 was read aloud during worship today 4th February 2018.

Minute 18/2 Past and future area meetings

Area meeting was held on January 27th at Bull Street FMH at 2pm. Dave Rawcliffe reported back to us on Sunday February 4th.

We appoint Helen Pemberton to represent us at area meeting to be held at Coventry FMH on Saturday 17th March at 2pm. We ask her to report back to us as soon as possible after the meeting.

Minute 18/3 Minute to record completion of Memorandum of Understanding 'Status' Checklist

We record that the bi-annual completion of the Memorandum of Understanding 'Status' check-list, has been done. We thank Paul Rutter, Sarah Thompson, Roger Chapman and Meg Harper for their thorough work on this matter..

Minute 18/4 Further Nomination

The name of Gill Smith was brought to us by Nominations Committee to serve as an Elder. This name was acceptable to us. We ask the Clerk to forward this name to the Clerk for the Elders and Overseers Triennial Nominations Committee, Vic Grainger.

The name of Ann James was brought to us to serve on the Inter-Faith Forum. We are happy to appoint her and ask our Clerk to write to her to say so.

Minute 18/5 Library Report and updated Terms of Reference

We heard our Library Committee's Report and revised Terms of Reference (filed with these minutes) and thank them very much for their efforts on our behalf. We accept their revised Terms of Reference. We note that Nick Walker has resigned and ask Nominations Committee to seek a replacement for him.

We ask Premises and Finances Committee to discuss with Library Committee as a matter of urgency, the matter of further display/shelf space and to agree an approximate date for work to be carried out.

We note their concern about overstock and suggest the following possible ideas for their consideration:

- a review of the borrowed books with a view to potential reduction of overstock.
- ensuring that the library holds no more than 1 or 2 copies of any one book.
- to sell surplus books having researched their market price
- to give books away to interested Friends or to sell them at a low price.

We also suggest that, perhaps once a month, there is a 'book of the month' and that this could perhaps be included in 'The Friendly Link', together with of any new books bought.

Minute 18/6 A Rocha and Eco-Church

Wendy Edwards spoke to us about the possibility of us registering with A Rocha for an Eco-Church award. This is a re-launched initiative. Wendy would be willing to take this idea forward.

After wide-ranging discussion, we agreed to ask Wendy to start the process with help from relevant friends.

We also ask her to invite a speaker from Cotteridge Meeting to talk to us about their experience of the scheme, after soup and a roll one Sunday.

Concern was expressed about our large utility bills and we hope that involvement in this initiative will encourage Premises and Finance Committee to undertake an active review of our energy demands and how to reduce them.

Minute 18/7 Report from Quaker Life Rep Council

As agreed at Area Meeting on 27th January 2018, Meg Harper brought us her report (filed with these minutes) from QLRC Oct 2017 on the theme of 'Shape-Shifting'. She asked that we did as requested and agreed by Area Meeting, that we try 'one new thing, however big or small...over the next few months'.

Several ideas were discussed. There was enthusiastic support for the idea of reviving the practice of asking friends to put themselves forward for vacancies, the precise manner to be discerned and acted upon by Nominations Committee.

Several other ideas were discussed, including a Meeting for Worship in darkness, a full day's Meeting for Worship (10am - 4pm) and a breakfast Meeting for Worship. We ask Elders to consider these suggestions and others. John Sheldon warmly welcomed the idea of Taize chants in all-age singing; he would welcome adults who brought such music to these sessions.

We were encouraged to note that we are not a meeting that stands still but actively does new things.

God willing we shall meet again on Sunday 4th March commencing 12 noon after Meeting for Worship, with agenda items and papers to the clerk by Thursday 22nd February

Meg Harper, clerk

Diana Biddlestone, assistant clerk

Continuing Minutes

Existing

13/37: WQM Members and Attenders List

14/03 (part) Review of Meeting List (see also 13/37 above)

16/28 (part): Fund-raising committee – annual report – re. use of contribution schedule