

## Minutes: Disley Meeting for Worship for Business: 10.03.24

1. During our Opening Worship we heard read Section 10.20 from Quaker Faith & Practice.
2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 had been circulated.

### 3. Matters Arising:

Our ongoing concern about the state of Ring O'Bells Lane: The Clerks have written to our Parish Councillors and Highways Dept. of East Cheshire Council expressing our concerns. We have received a reply from Craig Brown, Deputy leader of East Cheshire Council which stated that an inspection of the Lane had taken place in November 2023 and that it will be repaired by December 2024. The letter has been passed on to the Premises Committee.

### 4. Treasurer's Financial Report & Summary:

Jennifer reported on our financial situation. We made a small loss over 2023 of £828. Contributions from Friends have increased slightly.

Although income from hirings had declined recently, the number of bookings has now increased and the hirings situation is improving.

This year we will be spending approximately £7,000 on new carpets and chairs which will use up the remainder of Eileen Ashton's legacy.

Over the next few years we will have to spend considerable sums on repairs to the meeting house as outlined in the Quinquennial Review.

Overall, we anticipate considerable losses by the end of 2024.

We thank Jennifer for her Report which is attached to these Minutes.

## 5. Premises Committee:

(i) Carpet: Having discussed the two carpeting options (Carpet Retail shop/ John Barton's carpet tiles) The Premises committee have chosen the Retail shop option (total £5,436.00). Lizzy will bring samples for us to help with the choice of carpet colours. We agree to this expenditure.

(ii) Chairs: It was decided to order 10 chairs with arms (Burgundy) and 15 chairs with no arms (Blue). Jennifer will have ordered them from 'Rosehill Furniture'.

(iii) Gutters: It was decided to replace the wooden gutters with plastic (green) gutters. This will require planning permission from the council and a quote from [built.heritage@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:built.heritage@cheshireeast.gov.uk) The Premises committee are looking into this.

(iv) Window Replacement: Premises committee are looking into contacts for window replacement as these need to be in line with listed building status. Lizzy is contacting 'Tomlinson Parbans' Timber Merchants of High Lane to come and inspect the windows and give us a quote. Members of the Premises Committee will be present when they come.

The following 5 Agenda items were discussed at the Elders & Pastoral Friends meeting held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

## 6. Children's Meeting

Pastoral Friends have asked our Nominations Group to appoint two Friends/Attenders to support Emma in taking responsibility for the children's meeting. The 2024 dates of children's meetings have been circulated and we are encouraged that more Friends and attenders are coming forward to take part or run sessions.

### 7. Outreach: Supporting Worshipping Group in Glossop

There is much support within Area Meeting for Keith Braithwaite's initiative for a new worshipping Group in Glossop which will run for 6 months. It began on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at Bradbury House in Glossop and will take place on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 8. Quiet Garden Day in June

We plan to hold another 'Quiet Garden Day', with a shared lunch on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Anne will announce this in Notices. We are looking for people to come forward and help to organise this.

### 9. Visit to Edale

We hope to visit Edale one Saturday in May this year. Bridget is in contact with Kate Burnett, Belinda's friend, who is involved with the renovation of the chapel where we hope to hold a meeting for worship. Bridget will contact Kate to discuss a possible Saturday in May for the visit.

### 10. George Fox 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Open Day: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August

We have booked the meeting house for Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August when we plan to hold an open day (or part day) to be publicised via the Disley e-news. At the open day we will show the video <https://fwcc.worl/fox/> from the Quaker Tapestry Museum about the life and times of George Fox.

We will also approach Disley Library about holding a small exhibition to mark the anniversary. Jennifer has offered to plan this as part of a small group over the coming months.

### 11. Day for Refugee Visit in 2024

We agree to hold another Refugee visit on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, as last year, including games, food, friendship and fun.

## 12. Book Group: Follow up and further ideas

In response to ECAM's Racial Justice group's request for Friends to consider work on being an anti-racist faith community, Disley LQM organised a Book group focusing on Helen Minnis's 2022 Swarthmore lecture, 'Perceiving the Temperature of the Water'.

17 Friends from 6 meetings signed up and the average number per session was 12. We were joined by our Local Development Worker, Hilary Topp. There were 4 sessions on Zoom facilitated by 6 Friends from Disley.

The experience was stimulating and challenging. It was also enjoyable to meet Friends from other LMs and discuss matters of such importance together. As a way of encouraging friendship and fellowship across ECAM, it worked!

Disley Friends will support another book Group to be held in the future.

## 13. Meeting House Library Budget:

Jennifer has suggested a sum of £150 per annum for the Library. We agree to a fund of £150 annually to support our meeting house library.

14. Congregational Meeting: In the light of all our discussions today we agree to hold a Congregational meeting by the end of 2024.

15. Area Meeting Website: Vero Pin-Fat is now our representative for posting on the Area Meeting website.

16. Intervisitation: Jan Vulliamy visited Stockport Meeting in February.

17. Reps for Area Meeting: Till Geiger & Anne Sumner will represent us at Area Meeting at Stockport on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm.

18. Collections:

In February we collected £220 for Northern Friends Peace Board

In March we are collecting for 'BECOME' - Support for Children and Young People in Care

19. Since the Meeting Nominations Committee have appointed two Friends, Jennifer Dale and Jan Vulliamy to be Supporting Elders for Taylor Giacoma and David Shoesmith at their marriage on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July at Central Manchester Meeting House.

Signed: Anne Sumner – Clerk for this day

1.40pm – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024