



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TELEPHONE CONFERENCE HELD ON MONDAY 1st JUNE 2020 AT 10.30 am

PRESENT: Faith Cartwright, Brian Collingridge, Kathy Gollin,
Charles Henderson, Phil Parratt, Margaret Stocks

PREVENTED: Sue Brownlie, Margaret Stenhouse

WELCOME AND OPENING WORSHIP

20.22 READING

Paragraph 23:02 of Quaker Faith and Practice (QF&P) has been read during our opening worship.

20.23 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Agenda consists of only one item which we have been asked to consider as a matter of urgency. It was agreed.

20.24 REQUEST FROM WELLINGTON MEETING

A request has been received by co-clerks to WSAQM Trustees from a working group at Wellington Meeting. This group was set up in response to a request received by the Meeting for use of the Meeting House, starting in June, by Green Days Day Care.

Green Days provide respite day care. The organisation is supported by the local authority. It is the local authority that has asked them to re-start their provision. Many adult people with various learning disabilities have been left at home with families during the lock down, lacking the regular support that had previously sustained them. Similarly their families have been without respite. Green Days has previously used the Meeting House as its venue.

Wellington Friends are keen to support the group. They have received guidance from Friends House and understand that this kind of activity is currently permitted at Meeting Houses if essential voluntary or public services are being hosted. No other group would be using the building during the daytime on weekdays before September 2020 at the earliest.

A risk assessment has been drafted by Wellington Friends for use of the Meeting House by this group. This has been circulated to all Trustees. Green Days have also drafted their own risk assessment.

Having considered all the relevant information received from Wellington Friends and the guidance they have received from Friends House, we are led to approve the request from Green Days to use the Meeting House as outlined in the proposal

received from Jane Ruell and summarised above. We are broadly satisfied with the draft risk assessment. We are confident that Wellington Friends are sufficiently engaged with Green Days to complete detailed arrangements with appropriate care. Trustees will be offering guidance to Local Meetings in due course on the principles that should support re-opening all our Meeting Houses.

20.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 22nd June 2020.

The timing and type of gathering for this meeting will be arranged according to the nation's prevailing health situation.

Kathy Gollin and Margaret Stocks (co-clerks)

1st June 2020