



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON ZOOM
MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2021 AT 2.00pm**

PRESENT: Sue Brownlie, Faith Cartwright, Brian Collingridge, Charles Henderson, Phil Parratt, Margaret Stenhouse, Margaret Stocks

PREVENTED:

BY INVITATION: Pip Harris, SW Local Development Worker.

WELCOME AND OPENING WORSHIP

21.19 READING

Chapter 2, paragraph 36, has been read during our opening worship.

21.20 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Agenda has been accepted. We note that items 4 and 5 have been reversed in order of consideration.

21.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS AGENDA

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

21.22 APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CLERK

We agree to appoint Margaret Stenhouse as assistant clerk until December 31st 2021.

21.23 WELLINGTON MH HEATING – AGENDA DATE

We agree to place this item on the agenda for the next full meeting on 22nd February 2021. Meanwhile, Brian Collingridge will consult as agreed and keep us informed.

21.24 NATURE OF THE AWAY DAY MEETING

- We have heard that the original use of away days was for reflecting on the previous year and looking forward to what the year ahead might bring. It was not a decision-making business meeting.
- The clerk has given an outline of what we might reasonably expect to consider this year. We note that the day should have taken place last year but was prevented by the global Covid-19 pandemic
- It has been suggested that, as the afternoon will need to make use of zoom as the medium for meeting, we should recognise the limitations on Friends' physical and mental resilience that this poses. We agree to plan a follow-up date for later in the Spring.
- We agree to reduce the time-frame suggested earlier (13:30 – 17:30) by one hour. The meeting will now last from 13:30 -16:30, with breaks.
- We agree to ask Pip Harris to be the facilitator for the day.
We have considered the suggested timings and possible content. After some discussion:

a) We ask Margaret Stenhouse to provide a time-line for the progress of the Ilminster project.

b) We have no expectation that we must discern a way forward but that the day will provide the thinking to enable a further, more specifically focussed session.

c) We agree to have 2 Elders, who are not current Trustees, in place for the afternoon.

We note that the clerk has already asked the co-clerks to WSAQM Elders and Overseers to find one name. The clerk will contact Chris Lawson as to his willingness to act as the second.

d) We ask the clerk to invite Anna Mullett, as co-clerk to WSAQM, to join us. In addition, the clerk will also invite Kathy Gollin. She was instrumental, when co-clerk to Trustees, in both setting up the day in the first place and also securing the presence of both Chris and Peter. The current clerk was, for family reasons, unable to be involved at that period of time.

e) We expect to receive papers from Pip regarding the thinking behind the decision of the Welsh AMs to form one governing body and those of a possible similar decision of the London AMs.

f) We note that Pip is likely to pose questions for us to consider in advance of the afternoon.

g) We ask the clerk to contact Chris Lawson and Peter Morris to ask for their specific input to aspects of the afternoon.

21.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 22nd February 2021 at 10:00, using zoom.

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