

North Scotland Area Quaker Meeting

Area Meeting held to consider matters in relation to Aberdeen properties

10am, 22nd May 2021

Supported by Barbara Davey (East Scotland) and Michael Hutchinson (West Scotland) to facilitate a period of worship sharing prior to considering the options paper (28 April 2021) produced by Trustees.

41 Friends from North Scotland attending from Shetland, Orkney, Inverness, Aberdeen, Forres, Lochaber & Lorn, plus Zoe Prosser (Local Development Worker, Scotland) attending.

Minute

17/21 In a period of worship sharing we have heard about unity and our desire to sustain our community of friends and each other. We have also acknowledged that we can see quite divergent solutions for the stewardship of the Aberdeen properties and what the properties mean to us, or otherwise.

In reflections on how we move forward we are asked:

Reflect on key principles which would include:

- to care for each other more than we care for process or property
- to live within our means - be realistic about the cost on human resources and financial resources
- to work to a plan rather than falling into consequences

Speaking as clerk:

- We have a trustee team and a memorandum of understanding with Aberdeen Friends that is working well,
- We may have some breathing space to not have to rush into a decision

We ask Trustees to continue to work with the Aberdeen Premises Committee to make the short-term decisions required to ensure good management of the properties and to produce some costed options of how to move forward in the long-term to ensure that income from Aberdeen and the properties is sufficient to meet the costs of property maintenance.

We will hope to return to this matter at AM in November, unless an urgent decision is required on the tenancy before then. In November we ask Trustees to present some costed options for moving forward in the long-term, in relation to developing better use of 100 and 98 Crown St.

Piers Voysey
Clerk

Andrew Collins
Assistant Clerk