

North Scotland Area Quaker Meeting

Minutes

Friday 10th December 2021

7pm, online

8 friends were able to attend, representing Aberdeen, Forres, Inverness, Lochaber & Lorn.

52/21 The AM General Fund budget for 2022, as presented by AM Treasurer and Trustees is approved. Predicted income and expenditure is based on the assumption that we would be able to return to normal ways of meeting face to face, however recent news does seem to make this more and more uncertain.

53/21 The AM NSQT¹ Fund budget for 2022, as presented by AM Treasurer and Trustees is approved. It is noted that we do not have accurate quotations for property maintenance expenditure. Forecast expenditure for Kinmuck only includes grass cutting and Colin Stirling has reported that no significant damage accord to the trees during storm Arwen. We are grateful to David James for arranging the past tree-surgery work that potentially got ahead of some of the tree risks that might have required dealing with in 2021 and 2022.

54/21 AM asks its treasurer to create a Parliamentary Engagement Fund in the accounts to clearly allocate funds given to support the Parliamentary Engagement Officer post. This is more of a contingency fund at present, but future arrangements may require GM and thus, Area Meetings, to contribute specifically to support the post.

55/21 We re-appoint Heather Hartman to continue to carry out the function of consolidating our accounts.

We also appoint Scholes to carry out the examination of the 2021 accounts.

56/21 Our thanks to our Treasurer, Anthony Buxton, for keeping us well informed of expenditure and income both past and present.

57/21 Area Meeting has accumulated some £18,000 in donations to support Quaker work. It can not be used to bolster reserve funds although it is helpful to keep some in hand for contingencies. It was agreed to send the following organisations the following amounts:

- Britain Yearly Meeting, £2,500
- Quaker Peace and Social Witness, £2,500
- Woodbrooke, £1,000
- Brummana School, Lebanon, £1,000
- Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network, £1,000

and £500 each to the following:

- Ramallah Friends Meeting- through European and Middle east Section of Friends World Committee for Consultation.
- Quaker United Nations Office.
- Quaker Council for European Affairs.
- Glenthorne Quaker Centre.
- Claridge House (Quaker Meeting House & Retreat Centre).

58/21 We appoint Sue Horne to serve a second triennium on AM Nominations Committee; from 1st January 2022 to 31 December 2024.

Piers Voysey
Clerk