

# North Scotland Area Quaker Meeting Meeting for Church Affairs

Online on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7pm

## Attending

Piers Voysey (Forres) – clerk, Clunie Conochie (Inverness), Lynden Easterbrook, (Forres) Andrew Blackadder (Shetland), Andrew Collins (Aberdeen), Sylvia Thomson(Inverness), Nigel Dower (Aberdeen), Clive Potter (Aberdeen), Oriole Hall (Inverness), Richard Raggett (Forres), Carolyn Burch (Forres), Phyllida Sayles, Lex Ryder (Aberdeen).

## Prevented

Brian Ashley (Shetland), Marian Burrell (Inverness/Skye), Tom Sayles (Inverness/Caithness)

## Minutes

**11/24** We have been asked by General Meeting to consider the following 2 items prior to the General Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> April:

1: to Confirm approval of the draft Governing Document (March 2024) as a working document.

and

2: Give authority for the Quakers in Scotland Co-ordinating Group (QiS CG) to work with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) to set up the single charity [(Quakers in Scotland) as a] SCIO - Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

We thank Friends in the Options for Scotland Working Groups and the Co-ordinating Group for working on our behalf to get us to this stage. We trust their advice and that they have done the required background work.

We would like to proceed with the draft Governing Document as a working document. And for QiS CG to work with OSCR to take forward the establishment of QiS as a SCIO.

We do ask that at some stage thereafter, now that with the draft governing document we have greater clarity on how the new organisation might function, that the QiS CG gives us clear information on how being a SCIO is the best option for us, as compared with any other charitable organisation, especially for example in respect to how membership to the SCIO works in relation to our Membership to the Society of Friends.

We take note of the evolutionary approach to forming Quakers in Scotland, with all Area Meetings and General Meeting engaged together in finding ways forward.

## **12/24 Trustees report:**

We receive the Trustee notes from their meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. And thank our trustees for

working our behalf. We will pick up on other aspects considered by them at our AM on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Piers Voysey  
Clerk