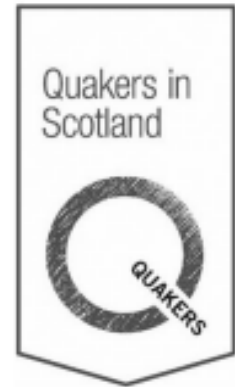


QUAKERS IN SCOTLAND

**At a Meeting held Saturday 7th February
2026, 9.30 am to 1.30pm, by video conference.**



Dear Friends,

We are uploading this copy of the minutes with all names redacted as it is a publicly accessible space. If you require the names please read the minutes of the meeting that were sent to you on 9th Feb 2026.

QiS 26/02/01 Worship

As we settled into our worship for today's meeting we heard read a passage by Parker J Palmer quoted in *With a Tender Hand* by Zélie Gross p141 . We gave thanks for all who have strived tirelessly to get us where we are today building this loving community. We were guided to listen with hearts today.

QiS 26/02/02 Welcome to all present

We welcome all friends who are with us today.

We record the attendance, during this meeting, of 109 Friends from across the whole of Scotland.

QiS 26/02/03 Elders for this meeting

We appoint 2 friends to serve as Elders for this meeting.

QiS 26/02/04 Agenda

We adopt the circulated agenda following the order of the draft minutes.

QiS 26/02/05 Reporter to Scottish Friend and The Friend

We thank a friend from Dunblane Local Meeting for agreeing to report on this meeting for The Scottish Friend and The Friend

QiS 26/02/06 Membership Changes

From information provided by Local Meetings and South East Scotland Area Meeting since our meeting held 15th December 2025, we record the following membership changes:

DEATHS

Two deaths were recorded.

TRANSFERS

Three transfers were recorded.

A reminder to let our administrator, Jane Booth, know of all deaths, transfers and any other changes to membership admin@quaker.scot

QIS 26/02/07 Update from QIS Trustees

We are grateful to all friends who are serving in roles to enable Quakers in Scotland to function, build community, and enable us all to be part of a loving worshipful Religious Society of Friends in Scotland and thus Britain. One of the groups of people serving us is our Trustee body. We heard from their interim clerk, on their work so far this year and of their planning for the year ahead. This report is attached to these minutes.

QIS 26/02/08 Appointments and Nominations Committee Report

We have received a report from our Nominations Committee which was circulated with the draft minutes.

The Clerk of the Nominations Committee has spoken to the report,

Nominations committee bring forward the following names

QIS CO-CONVENORS OF ELDERS

A friend from Inverness Meeting - 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028

A friend from Lanark Meeting - 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028

PASTORAL CARE SUPPORT GROUP

A friend from Dunblane Meeting - 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028

A friend from Glasgow Meeting - 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028

A friend from Milngavie Meeting - 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028

ASSISTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TREASURER

A friend from Argyll Meeting - 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028

QIS WORKSPACE ADMINISTRATORS

A friend from Central Edinburgh Meeting - 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028

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SUNDAY EVENING ONLINE MEETING (SEM): MINUTE OF RECORD

A friend from Glasgow Meeting is already an appointed Elder; their first triennium ends 31 December 2026. The Sunday Evening Meeting would like their service to be extended to include them.

RELEASE FROM SERVICE

A friend from Ayrshire Meeting - to be released from the QiS Trustee body. We thank them for their service.

These names being acceptable the Friends named are appointed accordingly

QiS 26/02/09 Appointments to JYM and QCCIR Conference

Using the between meetings procedure we appointed a friend from Dunblane LM to attend Junior Yearly Meeting to be held Friday 3–Tuesday 7 April at the Pioneer Centre near Kidderminster.

Using the between meetings procedure we appointed A friend from St Andrews LM

to attend the QCCIR/Woodbrooke conference taking place at the Hayes, Derbyshire and on Zoom 13th - 15th March 2026

We hope that they have enriching experiences and we look forward to hearing their reports at a future QiS meeting

QiS 26/02/10 Nominating Group for QiS Nominations Committee

Using our between meetings procedure we appointed the following 5 Friends to serve from 31st Jan 2026 until their task is complete.

A friend from Dunblane LM

A friend from St Andrews LM

A friend from Dunblane LM

A friend from Dundee LM

A friend from Falkirk LM

Their task being, to bring to a future QiS meeting, names of Friends to serve on the QiS nominations committee.

Any Nominations Committees can't nominate friends to serve on their own body.

QiS 26/02/11 Correspondence

On 8th January 2026 Lucy le Roux, our Parliamentary Engagement Officer alerted us to a further letter in relation to the Circular Economy Consultation (25/12/08) Put People before Profit in circular economy strategy, authored by Friends of the Earth. We were happy to sign this on behalf of QiS.

In addition on the 19th January 2026, our clerk authorised Lucy to sign another letter on our behalf calling on all leaders of political parties in Scotland to make Global Citizenship education central to Scotland's future. The letter was authored by the Scotland International Development Alliance (SIDA)

QiS 26/02/12 Events, dates and venues

We are delighted to hear of the following events

13th - 15th March West Coast Gathering. This event is fully subscribed but it's lovely to know it's happening.

11th April Away Day for Role Holders (Elders, Pastoral care Friends and Clerks) to be held at The Subud Centre, Perth. 10.30 - 4.30 information will come from Zoe Prosser.

22nd - 25th of May Informal Camping Gathering at Comrie Croft

19th - 21st June Family Gathering at Pitlochry Youth Hostel. Planning session next week and a calling letter to all LMs will follow.

25th July to 1st August Shindig. Applications for shindig participants (11 to 17 yr olds) and staff applications too. It will be held at the FSC, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae. For more information please contact summershindig@gmail.com

28th - 30th August 2026 Pluscarden Weekend. They welcome expressions of interest to join from Friends across Scotland and that more details will follow.

18th to 20th September Wiston Lodge Weekend more details will follow.

We considered the holding of an Enquirers event please refer to minute 25/03/19.

(After this minute was agreed, ■■■■■■ let me know that they feel strongly about these events and is willing to be part of a group taking this forward. During the discussion, we had thought that our Nominations Committee *and* people going back to their LMs would find other interested Friends to take this forward. I hope interested Friends can be named at the next QiS meeting)

11th to 13th June Scottish Episcopal Synod to be held in Stirling.

(We have since appointed ■■■■■■. We sometimes find it hard to find representatives for ecumenical and interfaith events. If you are interested to attend such events on behalf of QiS please contact me clerk@quaker.scot)

QiS dates and venues for 2026

2026

Sat 7th Feb - ONLINE meeting 0930 - 1330

Thur 26th Feb Online pre meeting 1900 - 2030

Sat 28th Feb - All day blended meeting in **Perth**. (Changed date from original GM date of 7 March, which clashes with Meeting for Sufferings) 1030 - 1630

Sat 28th Mar - ONLINE meeting 0930 -1330

Sat 16th May - ONLINE meeting 0930 - 1330

Thur 4th June Online pre meeting 1900 - 2030

Sat 6th Jun - All day blended meeting, **Glasgow** 1030 - 1630

Sat 22nd Aug - ONLINE meeting 0930 - 1330

Thur 17th Sept Online pre meeting 1900 - 2030

Sat 19th Sep - All day blended meeting in **Inverness or Aberdeen**, tbc

Sat 24th Oct - ONLINE meeting 0930 - 1330

Thur 5th Nov Online pre meeting 1900 - 2030

Sat 7th Nov - All day blended meeting, location tbc 1030 - 1630

2027

Sat 6th Feb - ONLINE meeting 0930 - 1330

Thur 4th Mar Online pre meeting 1900 - 2030

Sat 6th Mar - All day meeting blended (West) 1030 - 1630

QiS 26/02/13 Consideration of support for American Friends' Service Committee

(see Glasgow LM minute copied below)

Further to minute 26/01/7 From Glasgow LM asking QiS to consider a letter of support from QiS to American Quakers we agree to ask our clerks to contact Friends World Committee for Consultation World Office to ask if there is anything useful we can do and to write to The American Friends Service Committee on behalf of QiS.

QiS 26/02/14 Consideration of name for Intermediate Meetings

We are grateful for all the work that has gone into creating, supporting and enabling QiS to exist. Many Friends have worked tirelessly over many years to guide, inform and reassure all friends in Scotland during this adventurous transition. One part of this work that we have heard needs a re-think is the name for 'intermediate' meetings. As we began our discernment it became clear that we all need more time to sit with where we are and there is a feeling that we are content to do so. We agree to keep using the term Intermediate Meetings for the time being, wait until QiS Trustees and SESAM trustees have moved forward with their discernment and return to this at a future QiS meeting. Meanwhile we are encouraged to take this discernment to our Local Meetings and consider it with Friends of all ages.

QiS 26/02/15 Concluding minute

We give thanks for today's meeting for worship and separate, hoping to meet again on Sat 28th February should nothing occur to prevent. This next meeting of QiS will be blended and held in the A.K. Bell Library in Perth. Information with a draft agenda, papers and information on how to register will be circulated prior to the meeting as will draft minutes closer to the meeting.

NOTES

As per the above agreed minute, the document below (which is on the QiS website) is purely a start at what we mean by Intermediate Meetings at this point. Please bear in mind the long hours of work that has got us this far. For which I am very grateful. I keep it here for information.

I was filled with joy at the enthusiasm shown today by Friends across Scotland in minute 12 in sharing all the upcoming events.

What is an Intermediate Meeting?

An intermediate meeting is a meeting of Friends from a number of different worshipping communities who come together. It might be for worship, learning, to eat, walk, anything that enables them to get to know one another and build community.

Current examples include:-

- **Wigtown, Castle Douglas and Dumfries meetings who come together in**

Castle Douglas every fifth Sunday for Meeting for Worship.

- **Island and Coastal Friends from the west coast who worship together online every Sunday evening and meet once a year for a residential weekend.**

- **Pluscarden was the annual residential weekend for NSAM. They have arranged for it to continue and have appointed Friends to arrange this year's event.**

- **ESAM Friends have been operating their AM on a 'care and maintenance' basis. Their LMs have arranged events and invited Friends from the other LMs to join them.**

- **Dunblane LM invited the Swarthmore lecturer, Emily Provance, to speak and invited Friends from the neighbouring LMs who came from three different AMs.**

Many of these Occasional Intermediate meetings need to do no business; for those that do, it is simply for internal organisation, like appointing people to plan the next meeting. This is not QiS business.

It is possible that one of the AMs might want to continue meeting regularly.

This too brings members of different worshipping communities together.

In the new organisation, this would be a Regular Intermediate Meeting. Such a Regular Intermediate Meeting would appoint a Friend as a clerk to help them operate, though it would be important that any such appointments did not limit the ability of Friends from these communities to serve in QiS roles. This sort of Regular Intermediate Meeting could want to do business. Some of it could be things relating just to its constituent communities, this would probably not be QiS business. They might also want to take some business relating to responsibilities that are specifically QiS business. QiS may decide to work with them to draw up an MOU listing the kinds of QiS business it would be appropriate for them to do. When the community subgroup asked Friends if there was business that might be best done in groupings smaller than the national body, membership and appointments were frequently mentioned. For this to happen, the necessary provisos are that the agenda of these Intermediate Meetings should be advertised across QiS in case another QiS Friend is led to attend, and that an Intermediate Meeting takes no decision that lays an obligation on other members of QiS. The minutes of these items of business are QiS minutes and should be forwarded to QiS so they can be accepted at the next QiS meeting.

Although the focus of an Occasional Intermediate Meeting is on community building, it is possible that there might be an item of QiS business that it wished to take itself. The most likely would relate to membership or an appointment. An occasional Intermediate Meeting would not be set up for the purpose of taking such business; but one set up for a different purpose might decide it felt right to take an occasional item of business. In order to ensure this is rightly held, there is a list of requirements which might be summarised on a proforma so they can easily be checked through. This is largely something that can be done by an administrator, though the final authority would need to come from a QiS clerk.

Since Friends would not be coming together as a community at an Area Meeting, it is to be hoped that community building would be supported by a

growing number of occasional Intermediate Meetings. Initially examples of an occasional Intermediate Meeting taking business is expected to be rare.

The list of the NSAM appointments was to be appended to the November minutes and space was left for it to be included in minute 25/11/22. It doesn't need to be minuted again as we agreed to put it there when NSAM sent it in. That means all the transferred appointments are in one place. This has been done. We ask our administrator to attach it to the relevant minutes on our website.

26/01/7 Support for American Friends (minute from Glasgow LM)

In view of the political situation in the USA, where brutal methods are being used to remove immigrants, and particularly the shooting of protestors in Minneapolis, it has been suggested that we might like to express our support for American Friends in two ways: by holding a special collection for the American Friends' Service Committee, and by sending them a minute of solidarity.

We have heard that AFSC has a long track record of supporting immigrants and refugees, and are very willing to hold a special collection for them. We ask ■■■■■■

to speak to it and prepare information for the newsletter, and ■■■■■■ to deal with the money. Rather than remove one of our chosen charities from the monthly list, we agree to hold an additional special collection on 8 March, as a month which has five Sundays in it. Our treasurer is happy with this arrangement.

As regards the minute of solidarity, we feel that this applies both at a local and national level. We accordingly ask our Clerks to send a minute to Friends in Minneapolis, and ask Quakers in Scotland to consider sending a minute of support and solidarity to Friends in the USA.

We ask Elders to see what work is already being done by Scottish Friends, including the Parliamentary Engagement Working Group, and to consider contacting Woodbrooke to see if they have resources we could use in considering how we live our faith in such dark and difficult times.