

Quakers in Scotland Foundation Trustees

Meeting held online on 4th January, 2025 at 7.30 pm

Present: Elizabeth Allen, Brian Ashley, Adwoa Burnley, Chris Holmes, and in attendance Lesley Richards (Convenor QiSCG)

Prevented: David Somervell

We started our meeting with a short period of worship.

We agreed the agenda for the meeting.

1. Meeting between Friends involved in QiS discussions and the BYM Recording Clerk

We shared our reflections on this meeting and identified the following, as a matter we may wish to keep in mind:

- Helping to develop better communication among Friends in Scotland, so that we might gain a wider knowledge and deeper understanding of the varied experience of Quaker life in different localities.

It is clear from this meeting that what happens in the establishment and development of Quakers in Scotland depends on decisions not yet made. To help us understand the possible outcomes for each of the options which are before Friends, Lesley has drawn up and shared a 'What if' flow chart.

2. Update on the OSCR application

Brian has discussed with us the work that has been done so far on the draft responses to the questions in the OSCR application form. This is work in progress and we look forward to seeing the draft text, as soon as he is able.

3. The role of QiS Foundation Trustees in linking with the established Treasurers' Group

Chris has agreed to be our link person with the Scottish Quaker Treasurers' Group. We hope to work closely with this group, to draw on their wisdom and to find ways forward together. We are keen to hear of the Treasurers' Group's thinking so far, on the financial aspects of the transition to Quakers in Scotland.

4. Understanding of work and remits of other bodies working on QIS

We are working on understanding what the remits and tasks are of various bodies working on QIS. We want to have a good understanding of where the boundaries are so that we avoid overlap, reinvention and gaps.

This work is being carried out by Elizabeth and Lesley, and they hope to bring it to our next meeting.

5. Communicating the work of QiS Foundation trustees

We agree to put our minutes on the website managed by General Meeting for Scotland. Elizabeth is willing to type up these minutes and send them to our GM Administrator for posting on the website.

We are clear that we are the action group for the decisions made by GM and as such can refer people to our minutes, if necessary.

6. Closing minute

We close with worship, planning to meet again on zoom on Wednesday 5th February at 7pm, should nothing occur to prevent.

Elizabeth Allen and Adwoa Burnley Co-clerks to QiS Foundation Trustees